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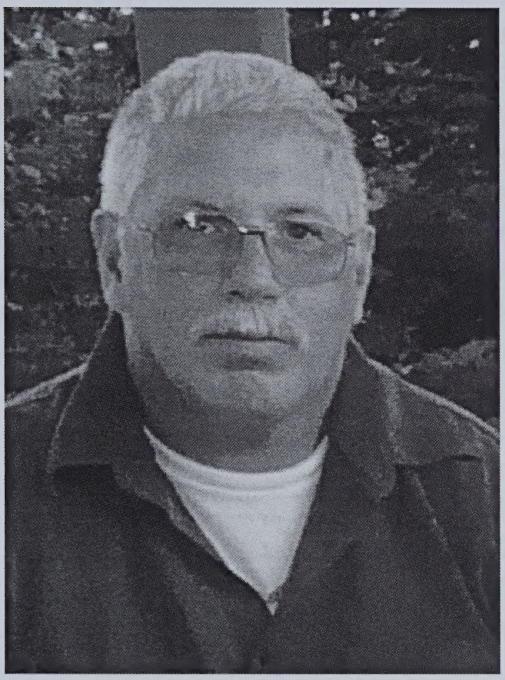
Village Station

Home of the original Fire House
Renovated 2011

This report is dedicated to

J.P. McVitty



After 45 years of service with the fire department J.P. has retired as a Freedom Volunteer Fireman. J.P. served not only as a member but as a Fire Chief on several occasions. Over the years J.P. has seen many changes not just within the department and the town itself, but the ways in which firefighting has grown and evolved. We would like to take this opportunity to thank J.P. for this service and dedication not only to the department but to the Town of Freedom.

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TOWN OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Moderator: Donald G. Johnson, 2014

Selectmen
Scott Cunningham, 2013
Leslie Babb, 2014
Neal Boyle, 2015

Town Administrator
Karen Hatch

Administrative Assistant
Linda Farinella

Road Agent
Scott Brooks, 2013

Police Chief
Josh Shackford

Fire Chief/FF Warden
Justin Brooks

Emergency Management Directors
Les Babb

Safety Officer
Kelly McClare

Animal Control
JoAnne Gayer

Health Officer
Frank Evitts

Town Clerk
A. Elizabeth Priebe, 2013

Treasurer
Pamela Clemons-Keith, 2013

Tax Collector
Annette Babb, 2014
Amanda Hatch, Deputy

Supervisors of the Checklist
Patricia McCoy, 2014
Daniel Brooks, 2016
Carol Stansell, 2018

Cemetery Trustees
Donna Cupka, 2013
Dean Robertson, 2014
Dorothy Brooks, 2015

Trustee of Trust Funds
Kimberly Reis, 2013
Eric Bossidy, 2014
Patricia McCoy, 2015

Transfer Station Manager
Justin Brooks

Town Buildings Custodian
Mark McKinley

Zoning Officer
Ned Hatfield

Building Inspector
Robert Babine

Conservation Commission
Robert Hatch, 2013
Alice Custard, 2014
Robert Oram, 2014
Jim McElroy, 2014
Gregory Bossart, 2015
William Elliott, 2015
Susan Hoople, Alt 2013
Justin Brooks, Alt 2013

Town Forest Advisory Committee
Robert Hatch, 2013
Ron Newbury, 2013
David Charrette, 2014
Janet Meyers, 2014
Janet Johnson, 2014
Chuck Depew, 2015

Planning Board
Anne Cunningham, 2013
Pamela Clemons-Keith, 2013
Beth Earle, 2014
Ernie Day, Jr., 2014
Janet Meyers, 2015
Peter Park, 2015
William Elliott, Alt 2013
Peter Schiller, Alt 2014
Les Babb, Sel. Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Karl Ogren, 2013
Jacob Stephan, 2013
Scott Lees, 2014
Craig Niiler, 2015
Timothy Cupka, 2015
Todd Desmarais, Alt 2013
Maynard Thomson, Alt 2013
Kim Cyr, Alt 2013
Paul Wheeler, Alt 2014
John Quigley, Alt 2015

Library Trustees
MaryAnn Hogan, 2013
Thomas Luke, 2014
Laura Robinson, 2015
Anne Pierce, Alt 2013

Heritage Commission
Gale Morris, 2013
Peg Scully, 2014
Robert Smart, 2014
Bonnie Burroughs, 2015
Alan Fall, 2015
Carol Foord, 2015
Raymond Dahlstrom, Alt 2015
Jean Marshall, Alt 2013
Scott Cunningham, Sel. Rep.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

According to RSA 40, the town Moderator determines the procedures to be used in Town Meetings. The Moderator determines the rules without regard to parliamentary or other procedural rules. The voters can overturn the Moderator's rules at any time, however. A motion to overturn the Moderator's rules, or establish new rules, will always take precedence to other business which is already "on the floor".

So that you will know the ground rules by which we are maintaining order, these procedural rules are announced to you ahead of time.

- The Moderator will read each article in its entirety before that article is considered.
- There can be no discussion until there has been a motion under the article. (usually the first motion is to approve the article as it appears on the warrant)
- All motions must be seconded by a different individual.
- Discussion will only take place after a motion has been moved and seconded.
- All discussion must take place only when called upon by the Moderator. You must have permission from the Moderator before you can speak.
- When the Moderator recognizes you, standup, speak out loudly and announce your name before proceeding with your comments.
- If you want to change a portion of a motion, you can do so by making an amendment. We will consider only one move to amend at any given time. When discussion regarding an amendment comes to a conclusion, the amendment will be voted upon. If the amendment passes we will then continue considering the original motion as it has now been amended. If the amendment fails, we will return to considering the motion in its form prior to the motion to amend.
- A secret written ballot will be used on any article when requested by any 5 voters in writing (RSA 40:4-a).
- A vote will be re-tabulated by secret written ballot when requested in writing or orally by only 7 voters (RSA 40:40b). This action must be requested before we have already moved onto the next item of business.

One final word of advice from your Moderator: If you want to get action from the Town Meeting, you have to make a motion. It's okay to get up and ask a question or make a comment (as long as it's relevant to what's on the table), but if you want the Town Meeting to discuss and vote on your idea, you have to get it on the table with a motion. Let's work together to have a successful and efficient meeting.

Thank you,
Donald Johnson, Moderator

TOWN OF FREEDOM, N.H.
TOWN MEETING - MARCH 13, 2012
WARRANT - MINUTES

Town meeting and the election of officers for the town and school district were both held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, commencing at 9:00 a.m., at the Freedom Town Hall.

The Moderator, Donald Johnson, brought the meeting to order and reviewed the Rules of Procedure, noting same are printed on Page 3 of this year's Town Report, and the Warrant, which had been posted by the Selectmen and is printed in the Town Report, commencing at Page 22. Mr. Johnson also explained that Patricia McCoy and Carol Stansell, Supervisors of the Checklist, were checking voters into the hall and providing Voting Cards, reminding those present that the cards issued to each were for their personal use only and would need to be shown in order to get a ballot for any secret ballots required during the meeting.

Moderator Johnson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and read the Warrant:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday the 13th day of March 2012 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

There will be voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls open at 9:00am and close at 7:00pm unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7:00pm.

All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00am at the Freedom Town Hall.

Moderator Johnson introduced himself, as well as the other election officials, seated at the table: Libby Priebe, Town Clerk, Chris Bolt, Town Counsel, Scott Cunningham, Les Babb and Neal Boyle, Selectman, and Beth Earle, who was seated at the side of the meeting room to assist with any secret ballot vote(s).

Moderator Johnson announced that the polls were opened downstairs at 9am and would remain open until 7:00pm to vote on Town and School Officers and the zoning ordinance amendments.

Moderator Johnson provided the names of the election officials downstairs: Alice N. Haslett and Rochelle Brooks, Ballot Clerks; Chuck Brooks, Assistant Moderator; Sue Brown, Deputy Town Clerk, and Bud Brooks, Supervisor of the Checklist.

Moderator Johnson turned the floor over to the Selectmen, who in turn gave the floor to Gale Morris, who spoke on behalf of the Freedom Historical Society. Gale thanked the Town for supporting the Historical Society in the past and explained that there was not a request on the warrant this year, then proceeded to present a framed copy of a Map from 1913 showing the Village - noting it was the first year for the Water Precinct. The map shows the homes and the pipelines in existence at that time, and encouraged visiting the Historical Society Museum when it opens for Memorial Weekend.

Moderator Johnson, as a point of information, announced that a total of $3,782,758.20 had been raised and appropriated at the Annual School District meeting the night before.

PLEASE NOTE: for the purposes of these minutes: (a) there were a total of 371 ballots cast for this election, with 1035 voters on the checklist at the beginning of the day, 7 new voters registering during the day, totaling 1042 at day's end, for a 36% +/- voter turn-out; (b) the election results are included herein and (c) a write-in candidate must have received a minimum of five (5) votes to be included or have been declared the winner with less than five (5) votes:

ARTICLE 1: (To vote by Official Ballot)
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

TOWN OFFICES:

Selectman, Three Years (vote for one):

John Krebs	108 votes
Neal E. Boyle	151 votes
James W. Brown	106 votes

Neal E. Boyle declared the winner.

Moderator, Two Years (vote for one):

Donald G. Johnson	346 votes

Donald G. Johnson declared the winner.

Supervisor of the Checklist, Six Years (vote for one):

Carol E. Stansell	320 votes

Carol E. Stansell declared the winner.

Trustee of the Trust Funds, One Year (vote for one):
Kimberly Ann Reis 307 votes
Kimberly Ann Reis declared the winner.

Trustee of the Trust Funds, Three Years (vote for one):
Patricia E. McCoy 316 votes
Patricia E. McCoy declared the winner.

Cemetery Trustee, Three Years (vote for one):
Dorothy Brooks 327 votes
Dorothy Brooks declared the winner.

Planning Board Members, Three Years (vote for two):
Peter S. Park 270 votes
Janet H. Meyers 302 votes
Peter S. Park and Janet H. Meyers were declared the winners.

Library Trustee, Three Years (vote for one):
Laura J. Robinson 317 votes
Laura J. Robinson was declared the winner.

SCHOOL OFFICES:

School District Moderator, One Year (vote for one):
Donald G. Johnson 347 votes
Donald G. Johnson was declared the winner.

School Board Member, One Year (vote for one):
Carol E. Stansell 123 votes
Brandon R. Knox 217 votes
Brandon R. Knox was declared the winner.

School Board Member, Three Years (vote for one):
Brett Taylor 240 votes
Stephen M. Jones II 99 votes
Brett Taylor was declared the winner.

School District Auditor, One Year (vote for one):
Michael D. L. Gaudette 318 votes
Michael D. L. Gaudette was declared the winner.

School District Clerk, One Year (vote for one):
Dianne Park 316 votes
Dianne Park was declared the winner.

ARTICLE 2: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend the floodplain ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?

Approved by the Planning Board 5-1-0

YES 308 NO 50 Article 2 carries.

ARTICLE 3: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board to Article 15 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance creating distinctions between a Minor Home Occupation and a Major Home Occupation to not require a minor home occupation to obtain a permit and to establish criteria for obtaining a Special Exception for a Major Home Occupation, and to add definitions of "Home Occupation" and "Total floor area" to Article 18 (Definitions) of the Zoning Ordinance?

Approved by the Planning Board 7-0-0

YES 285 NO 70 Article 3 carries.

ARTICLE 4: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Section 304.6.5 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance concerning Cutting and Removal of Trees and Natural Vegetation within the Shore Front District including an amended statement of intent to protect Freedom's water bodies, to clarify the criteria used when cutting occurs within 75 feet of the shore and to clarify the criteria used when cutting occurs between 75 feet and 300 feet of the shore?

Approved by the Planning Board 7-0-0

YES 269 NO 87 Article 4 carries.

Moderator Johnson explained that Article 5, by State statutes, requires a 2/3 majority and must be done by a secret ballot. He further explained that after the discussion ends and the meeting proceeds to vote, the polls must remain open for at least one full hour. He stated that after the majority of those present had gone through the line and voted, he would continue the meeting by proceeding to the next Warrant Article. After the hour passes and the polls are closed, we will recess the meeting, count the ballots, announce the results for Article 5, and continue again with the meeting.

Moderator Johnson then proceeded with the reading of Article 5 as it appears on the Warrant and as printed in the Town Report:

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the municipality will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for $265,000.00 for the purchase of a new tank truck for the Fire Department; furthermore, to raise and appropriate $160,300.00 for the down payment and to fund the first year's payment; this amount to be offset by the withdrawal of $130,000.00 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund with the balance of $30,300.00 to come from general taxation. This lease agreement does not contain an escape clause. If this article passes, Article 7 will be passed over.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Prior to entering the above Article 5 into the meeting by Motion and Second, the following Motion was made:

MOTION on Article 5 made by Les Babb with the following new wording:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the municipality will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for $265,000.00 for the purchase of a new tank truck for the fire department; furthermore, to raise and appropriate $159,076.00 for the down payment and to fund the first years payment; this amount to be offset by the withdrawal of $130,000.00 from the fire department capital reserve fund with the balance of $29,076.00 to come from general taxation. This lease agreement does not contain an escape clause. (2/3 ballot vote required) if this article passes, article 7 will be passed over.

SECONDED by Justin Brooks.

Les Babb explained that the change in the language was due to the fact the price of the truck had come in lower than originally expected, also noting that the interest rate is now down to 2.787%. Selectman Babb noted that a Committee has now been formed. This truck should have been replaced in 2005, but there was no place to house the new truck. Chief Doe has done exhaustive research and this is the best truck for our purposes and it is coming from Plaistow, NH.

Janet Meyers asked if this would be a lease or a purchase.

Selectman Babb answered that it would be a Lease Purchase; the wording for the Article had come from the Department of Revenue Administration; and that there currently is $161,000 in the Fire Department Reserve Account, but $30,000 will be left in the account for problems (i.e.

repairs). The new truck has a stainless steel tank with a Thirty (30) Year Warranty.

Discussion.

Selectman Babb noted during the discussion that the old truck will be kept by the town and used by the Highway Department to flush culverts etc., and can be used for forest fires. The old truck has minimal value.

Voting box opened at 9:35am to remain open until at least 10:35; town meeting continued.

[Out of sequence voting results: 109 people voted; 73 required for a 2/3 majority: 89 YES; 20 NO - Article 5 carries.]

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,251,727.00 for General Government for year 2012:

Motion: Scott Cunningham
Second: Les Babb

The Moderator explained to the meeting that this Article would be reviewed and discussed in the sub-sections outlined in the Article, commencing with:

General Government in the total amount of $473,475.00, consisting of Town Office in the amount of $272,384.00; Election and Registration - $16,900.00; Legal Expense - $35,500.00; Payroll Taxes - $40,626.00; Planning and Zoning Boards - $5,950.00; Public Buildings - $55,550.00; Cemeteries - $3,725.00; Insurance $40,683.00; and Lakes Region Planning Commission - $2,157.00 - for a Total General Government of $473,475.00.

Selectman Cunningham noted that this Article had been divided up between the Selectmen for responses. Mr. Cunningham wanted the meeting to know that the town office section contains an increase in the Selectmen's salaries from $4000 per person per year to $5000.00 per person per year.

John Krebs asked for an explanation as to the increase in legal expenses - had been down, now showing up - is there a reason: Selectman Babb explained there is a pending case regarding the Ossipee Lake Road bike path, which goes to Court in June. In order to expend the money, it has to be raised and appropriated, noting the town will try to recover the money.

Elizabeth Rhymer inquired about the huge jump in the Election and Registration amount. Selectman Babb noted that this is a Presidential Election Year and in 2008, the cost of elections was $10,554.00. The amount in this article allows for an increase in election personnel for efficiency in the counting process.

Moderator Johnson added that the Town of Freedom had only had one election last year - and this year has four.

Jane Davidson noted that the health and dental line was up - reason? Selectman Babb said it wasn't up as much as it seems, because we'd voted as a town last year to make the town clerk's position full time and to provide health insurance benefits to the Town Clerk, which adds approximately $10,000.00. He did note the rates are up about 13.8%. and explained that a Committee had been formed to review all available options for the health insurance.

No further discussion - the meeting proceeded to:

Public Safety in the total amount of $591,215.00, consisting of Police Department - $376,654.00; Fire Department - $148,251.00; Ambulance Service - $36,750.00; Building Inspector - $12,945.00; Zoning Officer - $6,500.00; Forest Fire Protection - $3,000.00; Emergency Management & Safety - $500.00; Ossipee Lake Dam Authority - $6,215.00; and the Water Precinct - $400.00 - for a Total Public Safety of $591,215.00.

Selectman Babb pointed out that the retirement line is up about $12,000.00, this is the retirement for the police and fire, and the State used to make this contribution, but now it is the responsibility of the cities and towns.

Selectman Cunningham noted that they had also made some line item shifts, such as energy - comes out of the fire department budget and goes into the public safety building category.

No further discussion - on to:

Highways and Streets in the total amount of $759,593.00, consisting of Highway Department wages and benefits - $373,045.00; general expenses - $374,548.00 and Street Lights - $12,000.00 - for a total of Highways and Streets in the amount of $759,593.00.

Nadine Chapman noted there were fairly significant increases in salaries across the board for the highway department and asked why? Selectman Cunningham stated the increase reflects a 3% compensation increase.

Nadine Chapman questioned the $20,000.00 amount more than actually spent for overtime. The Selectmen directed the question to Scott Brooks, Road Agent.

Mr. Brooks explained that he breaks down the summer and winter budgets - 22 weeks for summer; 20 weeks for winter. The overtime is based on those weeks in the winter - 7 hours in the summer to deal with any kind of wind or rain event, if called out in the summer. More money was spent last year and the department carried an extra person. 3% is part of the increase. As for the salary increases, per the town report, that line has remained flat for the last three years without any increases. This is basically a periodic adjustment to bring that line up.

Selectman Cunningham noted that Scott Brooks, the Road Agent, had come to the Selectmen and proposed putting together a Committee to do a complete study - which is now being done, and that Scott has opened up every issue for discussion, so everything is being gone through, from winter roads policies, to looking at the need for the scheduling of purchases, and a host of issues - there is a major analysis underway - already moving ahead.

James Brown had a question on expenses, noting last year the town had spent $128,617.00 on rental equipment, but in looking at the Vendor List (Page 64), there are two companies showing and their totals alone total $137,000.00 - so what's the difference?

Selectman Cunningham explained that in the Vendor List on page 64 there are other companies showing for leased equipment. Not all of that is for purchases - some of it is for leasing, and referred the question to Road Agent Brooks.

Road Agent Brooks confirmed that was part of it, but went on to explain that in his Road Agent's report he'd stated there would be monies encumbered to complete projects and that money is not showing up in this year's report. The $128,000 is what was spent out of the 2011 budget. The encumbered money from 2010 for the Nason Road and Freedom Point projects is not showing in this year's numbers, but is showing in the encumbered money section of the book.

No further discussion, on to:

Sanitation in the total amount of $187,424.00. Selectman Cunningham noted that this year the town is adding a septic system to the transfer station with a toilet for employees, which had been advocated by the State for some time. The work will largely be done by the highway department.

Anne Cunningham asked where in the budget we'd see the expenditure for the septic system? Selectman Babb explained that would be by a separate warrant article.

No further discussion - on to:

Health in the total amount of $15,089.00. No discussion.

Welfare in the total amount of $8,600.00. No discussion.

Culture and Recreation in the total amount of $77,415.00. No discussion.

Conservation in the total amount of $12,300.00. Selectman Cunningham noted that the milfoil item had been a separate warrant article in the past and this year it has been added to the conservation section, as it will most likely be something the town will need to continue to deal with for years to come.

Carol Anthony asked if there were any matching funds for the milfoil? Selectman Babb answered that in the last two years, we have gotten money from the State to help offset the cost.

No further discussion - on to:

Debt Service in the total amount of $126,616.00. No discussion.

Total of Article 6 in the amount of $2,251,727.00. No further discussion. In preparation for the Vote on Article 6, the Moderator read the sub-totals in to the record:

General Government	$473,475.00
Public Safety	591,215.00
Highways and Streets	759,593.00
Sanitation	187,424.00
Health	15,089.00
Welfare	8,600.00
Culture and Recreation	77,415.00
Conservation	12,300.00
Debt Service	126,616.00
TOTAL ARTICLE 6:	**$ 2,251,727.00**

VOTE ON ARTICLE 6: Yes - Article 6 carries.

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.
This article will be null and void with the passage of Article 5.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

At the time the meeting reached this Article 7, the voting time period had not yet closed on Article 5. Noting that Article 7 becomes null and void with the passage of Article 5, Les Babb made a MOTION to move Article 7 until after Article 20;
SECONDED by Scott Brooks.

Discussion on Motion to Move.

VOTE on MOTION TO MOVE Article 7 until after Article 20: Yes, the motion carries.

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $27,480.00 for this year's contract with R.B. Wood & Associates, LLC to complete the necessary new construction assessing for the year and all other assessing duties required for the year.

MOTION: Neal Boyle.
SECONDED: Scott Cunningham

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 8: Article 8 carries.

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $45,200.00 to purchase and equip a new 4 wheel drive cruiser for the Police Department; to be paid for by withdrawal of $10,000 from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to use towards the purchase and to raise the balance by taxes.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Scott Cunningham.

Pat Safallo asked if this would be an additional vehicle or a replacement vehicle? Selectman Babb said it will replace one of the Crown Vics, which are no longer being made.

Ron Newbury inquired as to why some of the articles in the Warrant make reference to recommendations by the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Babb explained that the Selectmen's recommendations are required on all capital reserve articles and must be printed in the book.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 9: Article 9 carries.

Moderator Johnson noted that the ballot box still being open for Article 5, the meeting would proceed to Article 10.

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $21,000.00 for energy efficiency improvements to Town Hall, (which will include installation of additional insulation, window repair and retrofitting lights), based on the free energy audit done thru the Energy Technical Assistance and Planning for NH Communities program.

MOTION: Neal Boyle

SECONDED: Scott Cunningham

Pat Safallo asked for an explanation of the $21,000.00 amount. Selectman Babb responded that there had been an energy report on the town hall and the $21,000 would cover the cost of air sealing and spraying foam under the building, window repairs and sealing air gaps, and plexi glass over the windows. It will be put out to bid, the town has estimates, and it is estimated that the savings will pay for the improvements in 6.3 years.

Selectman Cunningham noted that the Road Agent, Scott Brooks, had given up the sand sealing used on the town roads this year in favor of some of the other proposed expenditures needed, such as this. Mr. Cunningham said it is apparent from the feedback over the last 2 years that the maintenance of the town buildings is important and the town needs to pay attention; the town hall needs constant upgrading.

Jayne Britton asked if the plexi would be inside - then the windows won't open?

Selectman Babb noted it would be a clip on panel for the winter. The plexi cannot be screwed in, but can be clipped on.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 10: Article 10 carries.

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 for the installation of a well and septic system (including a bathroom to be installed in the existing garage) at the Transfer Station on Bennett Road.

MOTION: Scott Cunningham.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks

Discussion.

Mr. Leader asked for a breakdown of the $25,000.00 and was told by Selectman Babb: $15,000.00 for the well and the balance for the septic - hoping to come in under the total, by having the majority of the work performed by the highway department and said the total of $18,000 was the goal.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 11: Article 11 carries.

- At this point in the meeting, Beth Earle, (election official assisting with the secret ballot voting on Article 5) - noted that the time had elapsed for the polls to stay open. The Moderator verified that all present had voted, declared the voting time elapsed and the polls closed, and the ballots were counted.

Article 5 results: 109 people voted;73 required for a 2/3 majority: 89 YES; 20 NO - Article 5 carries.

The meeting then proceeded to the next Article, being Article 12.

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 for 10 sets of turnout gear for the Fire and Rescue Department.

MOTION: Neal Boyle.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks

Selectman Boyle explained that this Article appears every year because the turn out gear has a short shelf life and if the gear does not pass the annual inspection, it cannot be used.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 12: Article 12 carries.

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $68,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

MOTION: Scott Cunningham.
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Selectman Cunningham noted that this is a continuation of the road paving projects for Nason Road and Pequawket Trail.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 13: Article 13 carries.

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 for road crack sealing on Town Roads.

MOTION: Scott Cunningham.
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Selectman Cunningham noted that our Road Agent, Scott Brooks, has three major approaches to maintaining the roads: sand-sealing, which he agreed to post-pone this year for the town hall improvements, crack-sealing and tar paving.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 14: Article 14 carries.

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,000.00 for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Selectman Boyle turned the floor over to Mr. Oram, who spoke to the Article on behalf of the Forest Advisory Commission. Mr. Oram pointed out that the licensed forester is required under the stewardship plan for the maintenance of the town forest. Mr. Oram noted that the Freedom Conservation Commission and the Forest Advisory Commission have an excellent group of volunteers, who handle a lot of the work and monitoring required, using the milfoil as an example.

Carol Stansell asked if this request would be continuing in the future and on the Warrant again next year? Mr. Oram said yes - until the requirements are met, which should be in the next 3-4 years, then the

amount will change.

Selectman Babb noted that there is a report on Page 35 in the book. No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 15: Article 15 carries.

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Scott Cunningham

Pat McCoy asked how much money is currently in the fund? Selectman Babb referred us to Page 35, stating the fund currently has $85,017.00.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 16: Article 16 carries.

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with NH RSA 35:1 to be known as the Highway Drainage Structures Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing failing drainage infrastructure associated with Town roads and to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to place into said Fund, and further, as authorized by RSAa 35:15, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Scott Cunningham

Selectman Babb noted that our Road Agent, Scott Brooks, had brought this matter forward to the Selectmen and it is a good idea, as the town has aging culverts. Mr. Babb also pointed out that the Danforth Bay Bridge is in order for replacement and the town's portion is estimated at $140,000.00.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 17: Article 17 carries.

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Scott Cunningham

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 18: Article 18 carries.

ARTICLE 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the Town Hall and Office Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Scott Cunningham
SECONDED: Les Babb

Selectman Babb spoke to the Article, stating this relates to maintenance and trying to keep taxes down.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 19: Article 19 carries.

ARTICLE 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 to be added to the Library Expendable Trust Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Scott Cunningham
SECONDED: Peg Scully

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 20: Article 20 carries.

ARTICLE 21: (By petition)

To see if the Town of Freedom will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 (Three thousand dollars) in support of Carroll County Transit's Senior and General Public Transportation.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

MOTION: Pat Safallo
SECONDED: Carol Anthony

Pat Safallo spoke in favor of the Article.

Carol Anthony spoke in favor of the Article, stating that Freedom is now on the route. Ms. Anthony noted that there are people who need this service.

Pat Safallo asked why the Selectmen had not recommended the Article?

Selectman Babb explained that it was a question as to financial liability to the town if the grant money was not available in the future, and the town wouldn't be able to afford the $120,000.00 expense.

Selectman Cunningham said he remembered a presentation for a long range commitment, now it is not long range, and that the Selectmen had not been able to get anything in writing and they were unclear as to the numbers.

Nancy Beckwith asked Carol Anthony what her understanding was about the money? Carol responded that to her knowledge, it would be on the Warrant and would be voted on each year, on a year-to-year basis.

Discussion.

Nancy Beckwith noted that the Church is inundated with requests and that there are people in Freedom who need the service. She said the Church has had to refuse people from out of town to concentrate on Freedom. Nancy recommended that the Town approve the $3000.00 for this year and vote it out next year if you don't like it.

Discussion.

At the Selectmen's request, Town Counsel, Chris Bolt, explained that just by one town meeting approving an appropriation, it does not obligate a future town meeting to continue that obligation. The contract, if any, that is entered into between the Town and Blue Loon Services (or whatever the business entity is), would have to be reviewed, but it is unlikely that if the State funds aren't there, that the town would have to come in, because all this town meeting is authorizing is $3,000.00. Period. That is the only thing the Selectmen can do under this Article.

Selectman Cunningham explained that based on the information received, he has changed his mind and is now in favor of the Article.

Selectman Boyle said in view of the information received, he is also now in favor of the Article.

Moderator Johnson noted this was a testament to the power of democracy!

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 21: Article 21 carries.

ARTICLE 22:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Selectman Les Babb presented a Certificate of Appreciation for Ernest Day, Sr., for 20 years of service to the town as the Town Treasurer etc., for his invaluable service.

ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

Selectman Les Babb presented a Certificate of Appreciation for Howard Bouve - for his 20 years as a member of the Zoning Board.

ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Peg Scully, as a Trustee of the Library, submitted a revised Report to the Town, noting that the report printed in the Town Report is incomplete. The revised Report was accepted by the Town Clerk.

Selectman Cunningham thanked Todd Desmarais, who had been the General Contractor for the new Public Safety Building, for a job well done.

ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

Mr. Oram noted that the Selectmen had held an informational meeting the Saturday before town meeting to review the warrant articles, and asked the Selectmen to explain to the Town Meeting a little about the Town of Freedom Police Department's role in the apprehension of an arsonist.

Selectman Babb noted that in the discussion regarding the Police Budget, the discussion about the Freedom Police Department's role had been discussed, noting the increased patrols, monitoring with hidden cameras, etc., and that it was our Police Department who was able to arrest and convict the arsonist.

Lisa Lee - stated she'd like to encourage everybody to come to the information meeting on the Saturday before Town Meeting, as the review of the information is very helpful, noting the officials work very hard, and it was interesting to sit and have a casual discussion on the issues.

Neal Boyle - asked for an up-date on the cell tower. Planning Board Chair Anne Cunningham gave a quick update, noting the Cell Tower had received its building permit on February 22nd and construction will start as soon as the roads are not posted.

Discussion

Moderator Johnson announced $2,787,907.00 raised and appropriated.

[CLARIFICATION: per the NH Department of Revenue Administration, due to the provisions of Article 5, the actual total of the amounts raised and appropriated is $2,676,983.00]

Anne Cunningham made a motion to adjourn; SECONDED by all.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

A true record, attest:

Respectfully submitted: **/s/ A. ELIZABETH PRIEBE**

A. ELIZABETH PRIEBE, TOWN CLERK

TOWN MEETING - MARCH 12, 2013

WARRANT

The polls will be open from 9:00am to 7:00pm

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday the 12th day of March 2013 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

There will be voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls open at 9:00am and close at 7:00pm unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7:00pm.

All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00am at the Freedom Town Hall.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: (To vote by Official Ballot):

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend the Permitted Uses Tables and Special Exceptions Uses Tables found in Articles 3 Sections 304.1 "Village Residential District," 304.2 "General Residential District," 304.3 "Rural Residential District," and 304.4 "Residential/Light Commercial District" to make "Minor Home Occupations" a Permitted Use and add the word "Major" to the "Home occupation" Special Exception Use?

Article 3: (To vote by Official Ballot):

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend the District Boundary definition of the Residential/Light Commercial District found in Appendix A of the Town zoning ordinance to include the length of Route 153 from the Town line at Effingham Falls north to the border of Madison, NH?

Article 4: (To Vote by Official Ballot):

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend the definition of "Retail Store" found in Article 18 Section 1802 of the Town zoning ordinance by deleting the words "Allowed by Special Exception as a Light Commercial Use" to bring the definition into compliance with the Permitted Use Table pertaining to the Residential/Light Commercial District?

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the $2,234,572 for General Government for (FY 2013) as follows:

	FY 2012 APPROP	FY2012 EXP	FY 2013 APPROP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Office:			
Wages, Fees, Benefits:			
Town Officers Salaries	26,150	26,150	26,150
Selectemen's Fees	250	0	250
Town Clerk Fees	12,700	12,678	12,200
Deputy Town Clerk	2,400	2,509	2,400
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	13,000	17,537	16,000
Salaries - Full Time	78,000	81,802	78,000
Salaries - Part Time	8,000	5,390	8,000
Retirement	3,500	2,630	3,500
Health/Dental Insurance	61,934	57,638	55,000
Life/Disability Insurance	1,800	2,150	2,200
Total Wages, Fees, Benefits	207,734	208,484	203,700
Town Office Expense	64,650	54,589	44,005
Total Town Office	**272,384**	**263,073**	**247,705**
Election and Registration	**16,900**	**12,195**	**6,500**
Legal Expense	**35,500**	**35,500**	**35,500**
Payroll Taxes	**40,626**	**42,219**	**44,235**
Planning and Zoning Boards:			
Wages - Part Time	2,050	1,717	1,900
Expense	3,900	3,045	3,950
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	**5,950**	**4,762**	**5,850**

	FY 2012 APPROP	FY2012 EXP	FY 2013 APPROP
Public Buildings:			
Wages - Part Time	10,300	9,141	10,300
Expenses	45,250	50,203	54,514
Total Public Buildings	**55,550**	**59,344**	**64,814**
Cemeteries	**3,725**	**2,037**	**3,725**
Insurance	**40,683**	**40,552**	**40,281**
Lakes Region Planning Commission	**2,157**	**2,157**	**2,194**
Total General Government	**473,475**	**461,839**	**450,804**
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Department:			
Wages, Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	176,076	177,025	176,076
Salaries - Part Time	24,000	18,782	24,000
Overtime/Holiday	19,059	19,059	19,059
Retirement	39,127	39,941	43,000
Health/Dental Insurance	80,642	74,010	71,300
Life/Disability Insurance	1,700	1,410	1,700
Total Wages and Benefits	340,604	329,227	335,135
Expenses	36,050	33,393	38,950
Total Police Department	**376,654**	**362,620**	**374,085**
Fire Department:			
Wages, Benefits			
Salaries - Full Time	50,367	26,467	0
Retirement	13,529	6,201	0
Health/Dental Insurance	10,815	4,506	0
Life/Disability Insurance	900	132	0
Total Wages and Benefits	75,611	37,306	0
Part-Time Station Duty	0	0	48,400
Stipend for Response	20,000	19,842	20,000
Expense	52,640	55,478	64,400
Total Fire Department	**148,251**	**151,945**	**132,800**

	FY 2012 APPROP	FY2012 EXP	FY 2013 APPROP
Ambulance Service	**36,750**	**36,750**	**37,000**
Building Inspector	**12,945**	**13,341**	**12,870**
Zoning Officer	**6,500**	**4,718**	**6,500**
Forest Fire Protection	**3,000**	**2,876**	**3,000**
Emergency Management & Safety	**500**	**2,466**	**900**
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	**6,215**	**6,215**	**5,794**
Water Precinct	**400**	**400**	**400**
Total Public Safety	**594,215**	**581,331**	**573,349**
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:			
Highway Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	169,638	156,545	169,638
Salaries - Part Time	19,000	27,912	19,000
Salaries - Overtime	57,711	43,694	57,701
Retirement	6,300	5,738	6,300
Health/Dental Insurance	118,096	105,043	104,400
Life/Disability Insurance	2,300	2,382	2,400
Total Wages and Benefits	**373,045**	**341,314**	**359,439**
Expenses:			
Rental Equipment	113,400	98,345	113,400
Contract Services	22,000	41,023	22,000
Operating Expenses	239,148	244,867	244,368
Total Expenses	374,548	384,235	379,768
Total Highway Department	**747,593**	**725,549**	**739,207**
Street Lights:	12,000	11,134	12,000
Total Highways and Streets	**759,593**	**736,683**	**751,207**
SANITATION:			
Transfer Station:			
Wages - Full Time	39,313	31,942	39,313
Wages - Part Time	8,000	8,550	12,000
Retirement	1,200	1,228	1,200
Health/Dental Insurance	29,524	26,698	26,100

	FY 2012 APPROP	FY2012 EXP	FY 2013 APPROP
Life/Disability Insurance	800	750	800
Total Wages and Benefits	78,837	77,576	79,413
Expenses:			
Engineering	4,500	4,160	4,500
Transport Materials	90,000	95,411	100,000
Operating Expenses	**14,087**	**13,578**	**12,957**
Total Expenses	108,587	113,149	117,457
Total Sanitation	**187,424**	**190,725**	**196,870**
HEALTH:			
Salary and Expenses	1,300	609	900
Agencies:			
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433	1,433	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000	2,000	2,000
Community Action Program	4,000	4,000	4,000
White Mt Health Center	1,955	1,955	1,735
Starting Point	858	858	1,036
Red Cross	646	646	600
S.C.C. Visiting Nurse	2,247	2,247	2,247
Ossipee Children's Fund	650	650	650
Total Health	**15,089**	**14,398**	**14,601**
WELFARE:			
Salary	1,100	1,050	1,100
Town Needy	7,500	2,704	7,500
Total Welfare	**8,600**	**3,754**	**8,600**
CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	7,750	7,849	7,750
Library	66,565	66,565	68,065
Memorial Day	600	725	800
Old Home Week	2,000	2,000	2,000
Heritage Commission	500	298	500
Total Culture and Recreation	**77,415**	**77,437**	**79,115**

	FY 2012 APPROP	FY2012 EXP	FY 2013 APPROP
CONSERVATION:			
Conservation Commission	2,800	1,739	2,800
Water Quality Testing	3,000	3,000	3,000
Milfoil Remediation	6,500	6,350	6,500
Total Conservation	**12,300**	**11,089**	**12,300**
DEBT SERVICE:			
Bond Principal	72,000	72,000	72,000
Lease Principal	0	0	26,048
Bond Interest	24,416	24,416	21,450
Lease Interest	0	0	3,028
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	30,000	21,709	25,000
Other Interest	200	0	200
Total Debt Service	**126,616**	**118,125**	**147,726**
TOTAL ARTICLE 5	**2,251,727**	**2,195,381**	**2,234,572**

Article 6 :

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $279,000.00 to purchase a highway grader. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $28,020.00 for this year's contract with R.B. Wood & Associates, LLC to complete the necessary new construction assessing for the year and all other assessing duties required for the year.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $49,636.00 to purchase and equip a new 4 wheel drive cruiser for the Police Department; to be paid for by withdrawal of $5,000.00 from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to raise the balance by taxes.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $173,000.00 to purchase and equip a new 4x4 dump truck for the Highway Department; to be paid for by withdrawal of $60,000.00 from the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to raise the balance by taxes.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1-0

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $68,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $42,000.00 to sealcoat on Town Roads.

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 for road crack sealing on Town Roads.

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,800.00 for the crushing of gravel for the use on Town Roads.

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 to repair and paint the newer tennis court.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for the repair of the Antique Seagraves Fire Engine.

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,500.00 to complete the proper installation of the fire suppression cistern located at Kidder Drive.

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Land and Building Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 21:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the Town Hall and Office Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 22:

To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with NH RSA 35:1 to be knows as the Ballot Counting Machine Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a Ballot Counting Machine in the future and to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 to place into said Fund, and further, as authorized by RSAa 35:15, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 23:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to be added to the Library Expendable Trust Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 24: (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for a contribution to the Freedom Food Pantry to assist in their efforts.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 25:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 12 day of February in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Thirteen.

A true copy, attest

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Leslie R. Babb
Scott M. Cunningham
Neal E. Boyle

BUDGET
OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year
General Government			
Executive	$26,150	$26,150	$26,150
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	16,900	12,195	6,500
Financial Administration	246,234	236,923	221,555
Revaluation of Property	27,480	27,480	28,020
Legal Expenses	35,500	35,500	35,500
Personnel Administration	40,626	42,219	44,235
Planning and Zoning	12,450	9,480	12,350
General Government Buildings	55,550	59,344	64,814
Cemeteries	3,725	2,037	3,725
Insurance	40,683	40,552	40,281
Regional Assoc	2,157	2,157	2,194
Public Safety			
Police	376,654	362,620	374,085
Ambulance	36,750	36,750	37,000
Fire	151,251	154,821	135,800
Building Inspection	12,945	13,341	12,870
Emergency Management	500	2,466	900
Hydrants, Dam Safety, CC Transit	9,615	9,615	6,194
Highway and Streets			
Highway and Street	827,593	805,549	880,007
Street Lighting	12,000	11,134	12,000
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Disposal	187,424	190,725	196,870
Health			
Health Officer	1,300	609	900
Health Agencies	13,789	13,789	13,701

Welfare			
Administration	1,100	1,050	1,100
Vendor Payments & Other	7,500	2,704	7,500
Culture and Recreation			
Parks and Recreation	7,750	7,849	7,750
Library	66,565	66,565	68,065
Patriotic Purposes	600	725	800
Other Culture and Recreation	2,500	2,298	2,500
Conservation			
Admin. & Purchase of Natural Resources	2,800	1,739	2,800
Other Conservation	21,500	21,350	19,500
Debt Services			
Princ-Long Term Bonds & Notes	72,000	72,000	98,048
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	24,416	24,416	24,478
Interest on TANs	30,000	21,709	25,000
Other Debt Service	200	0	200
Capital Outlay			
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	219,276	219,276	504,636
Buildings	21,000	21,000	0
Improvements Other Than Buildings	25,000	25,000	18,500
Operating Transfer Out			
To Capital Reserve Fund	35,000	35,000	54,500
To Trust Fund	2,500	2,500	1,500
Special Articles			
Food Pantry	0	0	5,000
TOTAL	**$2,639,483**	**$2,583,137**	**$2,989,528**

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing FY
Taxes			
Land Use Changes Taxes	$8,000	$12,000	$8,000
Timber Taxes	30,000	31,191	37,000
Other Taxes - Boat	5,000	6,280	5,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	40,000	56,785	48,000
Excavation Tax	200	80	0
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Business Licenses & Permits	7,100	7,130	7,100
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	220,000	264,751	240,000
Building Permits	15,000	16,803	15,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	16,000	21,236	39,000
From State			
Meal & Rooms Tax Distribution	60,000	66,959	60,000
Highway Block Grant	72,610	72,610	70,000
Charges for Services			
Income from Departments	8,600	8,600	8,600
Other Charges	660	909	500
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	1,000	3,520	500
Interest on Investments	1,600	2,808	2,500
Other	10,000	36,600	10,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Capital Reserve Fund	140,000	140,000	65,000
From Conservation Funds	12,000	12,000	10,000
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	**$647,770**	**$760,262**	**$626,200**

Appropriations Recommended	$2,936,528
Special Warrant Articles	61,000
Total Appropriations	**$2,997,528**
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue & Credits	$626,200
Amount of Taxes to be Raised	**$2,371,328**

TOWN OF FREEDOM
DETAIL OF REVENUE
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012

Source		Amount
Property Tax Levy	6,061,980	
Interest & Penalties Late Taxes	56,785	
Yield Tax	31,191	
Excavation Tax	80	
Land Use Change Tax	12,000	
Boat Tax	6,280	
		6,168,316
State Aid:		
Meals & Rooms Distribution	66,959	
Highway Block Grant	72,610	
		139,569
Town Clerk:		
State UCC	480	
Wetlands, PSNH Pole	80	
Dog Licenses	580	
Vehicle Registrations	264,751	
Other Fees	28	
		265,919
Transfer Station:		
Permits	2,440	
Tipping Fees	14,183	
Recycling Revenue	1,130	
		17,753
Building Inspector:		
Permits		16,803
Police Department:		
Reports, etc	84	
Special Detail Fees	300	
Restitution	525	
		909

Selectmen:		
Copies-Printouts-Maps-Checklists-Fax		1,647
Donations		6,300
Fines & Forfeits		1,235
Planning Board Fees		705
ZBA Fees		2,467
Winter Road Maintenance Fees		2,270
Other Permits and Fees		273
Town of Eaton (Fire)		8,600
Cable TV Franchise Fee		7,130
Sale of Town Property		3,520
Reimbursable Expenses Associated with Sale of Tax Deeded Property		1,618
Rents of Property		80
Interest Income		2,808
2011 Tax Refund		335
NH Retirement Overpayment		357
Health Insurance Premium Return (per court order)		8,857
Special Revenue Fund Transfer (Conservation)		12,000
Capital Reserve - Fire Department		130,000
Police Department		10,000
Unclaimed Checks		1,163
Excess Appropriation Prior Year:		
Public Safety Building	8,414	
Engineering for Culvert at Square Brook	3,089	
		11,503
Miscellaneous		104
TOTAL		**$6,822,241**

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2012

	BALANCE 01/01/12	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED	TRANSFER TO GENL FUND REVENUE	BALANCE 12/31/12
INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN:					
Cemetery P/C Int.	4,052	173	216		4,009
New Municipal Bldg/Land	5,000				5,000
Total Transfers In	**9,052**	**173**	**216**		**9,009**
ESCROW - Legal					
Legal	-1,534	1,534			0
Cell Tower	7				7
Total Escrow	**-1,527**	**1,534**	**0**		**7**
GIFTS AND DONATIONS:					
General Government:					
Town Hall - Kitchen	-316	190	374		-500
Public Safety:					
Police Dept	-291	510	219		0
K9 Dog		687	687		0
Fire Dept	1,400	600	1,513		487
Highways:					
Highway Dept	1,283	250			1,533
Culture and Recreation:					
Recreation	1,790	300	1,790		300
Total Gifts and Donations	**3,866**	**2,537**	**4,583**		**1,820**
POLICE - Outside Detail		**900**	**900**		**0**
GRANTS - Fire Department	**-15,600**	**11,600**	**6,474**		**-10,474**
CONSERVATION:					
Conservation - Milfoil Gifts	13,945	1,687			15,632
Conservation - Gifts	195				195
Conservation - Land Use Tax	29,710	6,000	1,500		34,210
Stewardship - Gifts	2,599	500			3,099
Trout Pond Forest Stewardship	935		75		860
Town Forest Maintenance	37,633	28,328		12,000	53,961
Milfoil Grant		6,100	6,100		
Total Conservation	**85,017**	**42,615**	**7,675**	**12,000**	**107,957**
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	**80,808**	**59,359**	**19,848**	**12,000**	**108,319**

ACTIVITY BY FUNCTION:

General Government	8,737	363	590		8,510
Escrow	-1,527	1,534			7
Public Safety	-14,491	14,297	9,793		-9,987
Highways	1,282	250			1,532
Conservation	85,017	42,615	7,675	12,000	107,957
Culture and Recreation	1,790	300	1,790		300
	80,808	**59,359**	**19,848**	**12,000**	**108,319**

PROPERTY VALUATION
INVENTORY SCHEDULE

Value of Land	Acres	2012 Assessed Valuation	Totals
A. Current Use (at current use values)	11,501	$1,145,391	
B. Residential	6,333	244,822,200	
C. Commercial/Industrial	414	5,028,800	
Total of Taxable Land			$250,996,391
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Land (12,813,300)			
Value of Buildings Only			
A. Residential		$210,143,136	
B. Manufactured Housing		18,791,500	
C. Commercial/Industrial		7,839,900	
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement (5 structures)		20,064	
Total of Taxable Buildings			236,794,600
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Buildings		(9,488,000)	
Public Utilities - Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution including production, machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc.			
Electric		3,949,900	
Total Public Utilities			3,949,900
Valuation Before Exemptions			**$491,740,891**
Blind Exemptions RSA 72:38-b			
Total Number Granted 1		$15,000	
Elderly Exemptions RSA 72:39, a and b			
Total Number Granted 15		573,000	
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b			
Total Number Granted 1		20,000	
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			608,000
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed			**$491,132,891**
Less Public Utilities			3,949,900
Net Valuation without utilities which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed			**$487,182,991**

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Purpose of Appropriations

General Government

Town Officers Salaries	$26,150
Election & Registrations	16,900
Town Officers Expenses	246,234
Revaluation of Property	27,480
Legal Expenses	35,500
Personnel Administration	40,626
Planning and Zoning	12,450
General Government Buildings	55,550
Cemeteries	3,725
Insurance	40,683
Lakes Region Planning	2,157
Carroll County Transit	3,000
Heritage Commission	500

Public Safety

Police	376,654
Ambulance	36,750
Fire	151,251
Building Inspection	12,945
Emergency Management	500
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	6,215
Water Precinct	400

Highway, Streets and Bridges

Highway, Streets and Bridges	827,593
Street Lighting	12,000

Sanitation

Solid Waste Disposal	187,424

Health

Administration	1,300
Health Agencies	13,789

Welfare

Administration	1,100
Vendor Payments	7,500

Culture and Recreation

Parks & Recreation	7,750
Library	66,565
Patriotic Purposes	600
Old Home Week	2,000

Conservations

Administration of Natural Recourses	2,800
Other Conservation	21,500

Debt Services

Bond Principal	72,000
Bond Interest	24,416
Interest on TAN	30,000
Other Interest	200

Capital Outlay

Machinery, Vehicle and Equipment	219,276
Buildings	21,000
Improvements Other Than Buildings	25,000

Operating Transfers Out

Capital Reserve Funds

Highway	20,000
Highway Drainage Structure Improvement	10,000
Transfer Station	5,000

Trust Funds

Library	2,500

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS..... $2,676,983

Certification

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town meeting, were taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Selectmen of Freedom
Leslie Babb
Scott Cunningham
Neal Boyle

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
2012 APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officer Salaries

Selectmen	$15,000
Town Clerk	5,000
Tax Collector	3,000
Town Treasurer	3,000
Trustee of Trust Funds	150
Expended	$26,150
Appropriated	26,150
Balance	0

Town Office Expenses

Town Clerk Fees	$12,678
Deputy Town Clerk	2,509
Tax Collector Fees & Costs	17,537
Town Administrator	50,964
Administrative Assistant	30,838
Part-time Salary	5,390
Health/Dental Insurance	57,638
Life/Disability Insurance	2,150
Retirement	2,630
Reimbursable Expense	2,237
Computer Support	12,414
Dues	2,265
Tax Map Updates	2,697
Meeting/Training	140
Office Supplies	6,174
Telephone/Internet	5,533
Printing, Postage, Notices	3,453
Professional Audit	8,375
Equipment Purchase	7,466
Misc	210
Expended	$233,298
Encumbered	3,625
Total	236,923
Appropriated	246,234
Under run	$9,311

Election & Registration

Workers		$8,805
Training		82
Printing/Advertising		3,058
Materials, Modifications and Supplies		250
	Expended	$12,195
	Appropriated	16,900
	Under run	$4,705

Revaluation of Property	Expended	$27,480
	Appropriated	27,480
	Balance	0

Legal Expense

Town Office		$6,278
Zoning Board		3,229
Planning Board		814
Kondrat		10,224
Personnel		9,164
	Expended	$29,709
	Encumbered	5,791
	Total	35,500
	Appropriated	35,500
	Balance	0

Payroll Taxes	Expended	$42,219
	Appropriated	40,626
	Over run	$1,593

Planning and Zoning

Part-time Salary		1,717
Expenses		3,045
	Expended	$4,762
	Appropriated	5,950
	Under run	$1,188

Zoning Officer

Part Time Salary		$4,550
Expenses		168
	Expended	$4,718
	Appropriated	6,500
	Under run	$1,782

Town Buildings

Part-time Salary	$9,141
Operating Expenses	29,439
Office Maintenance/Repair	11,880
Town Hall Maintenance/Repair	4,616
Public Safety Building Maintenance and Repair	3,936
Village Fire Station Maintenance and Repair	332
Expended	$59,344
Appropriated	55,550
Over run	$3,794

Cemetery	Expended	$2,037
	Appropriated	3,725
	Under run	$1,688
Insurance	Expended	$40,552
	Appropriated	40,683
	Under Run	131

Advertising & Regional Associates

Lakes Region Planning	Expended	$2,157
	Appropriated	2,157
	Balance	0
Emergency Management Program	Expended	$2,466
	Appropriated	500
	Over Run	$1,966

Police Department

Chief Salary	$64,970
Full Time Salaries	112,056
Part Time Salaries	18,782
Overtime/Holiday	19,059
Retirement	38,941
Health & Dental Insurance	74,010
Life & Disability Insurance	1,410
Gasoline	12,659
Vehicle/Radio/Equipment Repairs	6,125
Office/Operating Expenses	2,546
Uniforms	2,690
Telephone/Cable	2,660
Equipment	3,779

K-9 Expenses	242
D.A.R.E	550
Animal Control Expense	150
Computer Support	1,991
Expended	$362,620
Appropriated	376,654
Under run	$14,034

Fire Department

Chief Salary (partial year)	$26,467
Retirement	6,201
Health & Dental Insurance	4,506
Life & Disability Insurance	132
Prevention	647
Member's Stipend	19,842
Part-time Station Duty	39,319
Training	1,500
Mutual Aid Dues	4,500
Telephone/Cable	2,335
Equipment Purchases	9,858
Vehicle Repairs	20,936
Vehicle Gas	5,449
Turnout Gear	2,200
Radio/Equipment Repairs	3,143
First Responders	2,335
Operating/Office Expense	1,685
Annual Inspection	890
Expended	$151,945
Appropriated	148,251
Over Run	$3,694

Forest Fire Protection	Expended	$2,876
	Appropriated	3,000
	Under Run	$124

Water Precinct	Expended	$400
	Appropriated	400
	Balance	0

Building Inspector

Part Time		$11,162
Expenses		2,179
	Expended	$13,341
	Appropriated	12,945
	Over run	$396

Health Officer

Part Time Salary		$414
Expenses		195
	Expended	$609
	Appropriated	1,300
	Under run	$691

Health & Social Services

Ambulance		$36,750
C.C. Mental Health		1,433
Children Unlimited		2,000
Community Action Program		4,000
White Mountain Health Center		1,955
Visiting Nurse Service		2,247
Starting Point		858
Red Cross		646
Ossipee Child Fund		650
	Expended	$50,539
	Appropriated	50,539
	Balance	0

Welfare

Part Time Salary		$1,050
General Assistance		2,704
	Expended	$3,754
	Appropriated	8,600
	Under run	$4,846

Parks & Recreation	Expended	$7,849
	Appropriated	7,750
	Over run	$99

Library	Expended	$66,565
	Appropriated	66,565
	Balance	0

Heritage Commission	Expended	$298
	Appropriated	500
	Under run	$202
Patriotic Purposes		
Old Home Week		$2,000
Other		725
	Expended	$2,725
	Appropriated	2,600
	Over run	$125
Conservation Commission		
Administration	Expended	$1,739
	Appropriated	2,800
	Under run	$1,061
Water Quality Testing	Expended	$3,000
	Appropriated	3,000
	Balance	0
Forest Maintenance	Expended	$4,667
	Encumbered	333
	Total	5,000
	Appropriated	5,000
	Balance	0
Forester	Expended	$1,876
	Encumbered	5,124
	Total	7,000
	Appropriated	7,000
	Balance	0
Milfoil Removal	Expended	$6,350
	Appropriated	6,500
	Under run	$150
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	Expended	$6,215
	Appropriated	6,215
	Balance	0

Highway Maintenance

Summer

Labor	$97,217
Rental Equipment	37,814
Materials	12,284
Road Striping	5,596
Contract Services	41,023
Total Summer Maintenance	**$193,934**

Winter

Labor	$130,934
Rental Equipment	61,402
Materials	82,891
Total Winter Maintenance	**$275,227**

General Highway Expense	$136,726
Health & Dental Insurance	105,043
Life/Disability Insurance	2,382
Retirement	5,738

Expended	$719,050
Encumbered	6,500
Total	725,550
Appropriated	747,593
Under run	$22,043

Street Lights

Expended	$11,134
Appropriated	12,000
Under run	$866

Transfer Station

Full-time Salary	$40,350
Part-time Salaries	8,550
Health & Dental Insurance	26,698
Life/Disability Insurance	750
Retirement	1,228
Engineering	4,160
Transfer Fees	95,411
Household Hazardous Waste Fee	2,087
Utilities/Maintenance	7,486
Site Improvements	1,348
Operating Expense	2,657

	Expended	$190,725
	Appropriated	187,424
	Over run	$3,301
Bond Principal	Expended	$72,000
	Appropriated	72,000
	Balance	0
Capital Reserve		
Highway Equipment		$20,000
Highway Drainage		10,000
Town Hall/Office		5,000
	Expended	$35,000
	Appropriated	35,000
	Balance	0
Interest Expense		
Tax Anticipated Notes Interest		$21,709
Bond Interest		24,416
	Expended	$46,125
	Appropriated	54,616
	Under run	$8,491
Trust Funds		
Library	Expended	$2,500
	Appropriated	2,500
	Balance	0
Capital Outlay/Individual Articles		
Highway - Crack and Seal	Expended	$12,000
	Appropriated	12,000
	Balance	0
Highway - Topcoat	Expended	$60,000
	Appropriated	60,000
	Balance	0
Town Hall Energy Upgrades	Expended	$10,670
	Encumbered	10,330
	Total	21,000
	Appropriated	21,000
	Balance	0

Fire Department Turnout Gear	Expended	$15,000
	Appropriated	15,000
	Balance	0
Police Cruiser	Expended	$45,200
	Appropriated	45,200
	Balance	0
Fire Tank Truck	Expended	$159,076
	Appropriated	159,076
	Balance	0
Transfer Station Well/Septic	Expended	$25,000
	Appropriated	25,000
	Balance	0
Carroll County Transit	Expended	$3,000
	Appropriated	3,000
	Balance	0

TOTAL BUDGET UNDER RUN $56,345

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations 2,676,983
Less: Revenues 704,740
Add: Overlay 22,415
War Service Credits 32,800

Net Town Appropriations.....2,027,458 — **TAX RATE**

Approved Tax/City Tax Effort.....2,027,458 — **4.12**

SCHOOL PORTION

Gross Appropriations.....3,782,759
Less Revenue.....224,005
Net Local School Budget.....3,558,754
School Education Tax.....(1,232,986) — **LOCAL SCHOOL RATE**

Approved School(s) Tax Effort.....2,325,768 — **4.74**

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities)x.....2.390
515,893,701..... .....1,232,986 — **STATE SCHOOL RATE**
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)
487,182,991 — **2.53**

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County.....508,577

Approved County Tax Effort.....508,577 — **COUNTY RATE** **1.04**

TOTAL RATE — **12.43**

Total Property Taxes Assessed 6,094,789
Less: War Service Credit .....(32,800)
Total Property Tax Commitment 6,061,989

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	487,182,991	2.53	1,232,986
All Other Taxes	491,132,891	9.90	4,861,803
			6,094,789

TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT
In Excess of $1,000

Highway

1963 York Rake
2000 Cat 924C Loader
1992 Morbark Chipper
2003 International All Wheel Drive
2011 Ford F550 XL One Ton
2006 Ford F550 One Ton (Hwy/Fire)
1985 Chevy Tank Truck
1991 MB Sweeper
1994 Billy Goat
2006 Hiway 12' stainless steel sander
2001 Hiway 3 yd stainless steel sander
2000 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Shoulder Gravel Machine
2001 Pressure Washer
Miller Generator/Welder

Police Department

2012 Chevy Tahoe
2009 Chevy Tahoe
2006 Ford Crown Victoria
3 Kustom Golden Eagle II Radar units
4 Laptop computers
3 Mobile Motorola Astro Digital Radio
4 Portable Motorola XTS 3000 Digital Radios
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6

Fire Department

2012 International Tank Truck
2004 Chevy Tahoe
2006 F550 Ford Forestry Truck
2000 F550 Ford Rescue Truck
1996 Spartan Fire Truck
1989 Mack Fire Truck
1985 Chevy Tank Truck
1926 Seagrave Fire Truck

2004 Portable Deck Gun
1996 Stinger Deck Gun
2006 (23) XTS 2500i Portable Radios
2004 (4) Motorola Astro Digital Radios
1996 100 Watt Kenwood Radio
1998 Jaws of Life Power Unit
1998 Hurst 60" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst 30" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst Combi Tool Spreader Cutter
1998 Hurst Cutter
2010 Hurst Tool Cutter
2004 Stabilization Kit
MSA 5500 Thermal Imaging Camera
10 MSA Airpacks
2007 13,000 watt Honda Generator
10,000 Watt Diesel Generator
Multi Gas Meter
2 Darley Portable Pumps
2000 275 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2002 450 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2007 75 gallon Skid Unit with Pump/Reel
2006 Akron Hose Tester
2007 (2) Can Am 4x4 ATV
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
2007 315PSI Forestry Pump
2006 120GPM Forestry Pump
Phillips 12 Lead Cardiac Monitor
1998 Positive Pressure Fan
2008 Rescue Sled
3000 Watt Light Tower
Extractor

Transfer Station

3 Hydraulic Compactors, 7 Containers
12' Snowpusher
1995 Case 560L Backhoe

TOWN OWNED
PROPERTY SCHEDULE

Assessed Values
As of December 31, 2012

Town Hall, Land and Building	$437,300
Town Office, Land and Building	275,300
Public Safety Building and Land	589,500
Roller Shed, Land and Building	31,400
Library, Land and Buildings	404,200
Police Department Equipment	100,000
Fire Department Equipment	1,273,000
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	201,600
Equipment	339,000
Materials and Supplies	42,000
Transfer/Recycling Facility, Land and Buildings	110,200
Equipment	110,000
Parks, Commons, Playgrounds and Beaches	570,500
Schools, Land and Building	2,487,600
Conservation Commission	617,200
Trout Pond Town Forest	2,737,400
All Land Acquired Through Tax Collectors Deeds	269,900
All Other Property	
Fox Run Lot	96,600
Backland off Cushing Corner Road	
Abuts Morrow/Hayes - Owners Uncertain	34,700
Abuts Danforth Pond/Ossipee Lake Road	50,500
	$10,777,900

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

Liability at Beginning of Year 1,629,115
Assessment for Current Year 3,558,754

Total Liability with in Current Year 5,187,869

Payments made to School District.....3,944,115
Liability at End of Year.....1,243,754

Total 5,187,869

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

New Issues During Current Year.....1,997,889
Issues Retired During 1,997,889

DEBT - AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose **Public Safety Building**

2012 Installment $72,000
Interest Rate 2.0
Date of Final Payment 08/15/21
Bonds o/s at beginning of year 737,000
Bonds issued this year 1
Bonds Retired this year 0
Bonds o/s at end of year 665,000

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation
(debt as of 12/31/12)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2013	75,000	3%	21,450	96,450
2014	75,000	4%	19,200	94,200
2015	75,000	2%	16,200	91,200
2016	75,000	4%	14,700	89,700
2017	75,000	3%	11,700	86,700
2018	75,000	4%	9,450	84,450
2019	75,000	3%	6,450	81,450
2020	70,000	3%	4,200	74,200
2021	70,000	3%	2,100	72,100
Total	**665,000**		**105,450**	**770,450**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
(January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012)

Report of Revenue Received

2521	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	$ 264,869.65
167	Dog Licenses	896.50
48	Vital Copies	600.00
11	Marriage Licenses	495.00
14	Facilities Permits	220.00
	State - Checklist copies	625.00
	Wetland Applications	50.00
	Postage	36.00
	Pole Line Easements	40.00
	State - UCC filings	480.00
	Motor Vehicle Title	3.00
	State Rep. Filing Fees	4.00
	Voter ID Cards	6.00
	Photo Copies	5.50
	TOTAL:	**$ 268,330.65**

Respectfully submitted,

A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012

	2012	2011	2010
DEBITS			
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes		506,722.78	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes		2,459.34	545.82
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd		0.00	134.20
Prior Years' Credit Balance	(0.00)		
This Year's New Credits	(13,760.65)		
Tax Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	6,061,980.00	1,690.00	
Land Use Changes	12,000.00	0.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	2,474.90	28,716.30	
Excavation Tax	0.00	79.98	
Overpayment:			
Credits Refunded	13,760.55	0.00	
Interest - Late Tax	322.17	16,259.19	14.82
TOTAL DEBTS	**$6,076,777.07**	**$555,927.59**	**$694.84**
CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	5,553,724.14	311,756.42	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	12,000.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	1,817.39	29,934.16	545.82
Interest & Penalties	322.17	16,259.19	14.82
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd		79.98	134.20
Converted to Liens (principal only)	0.00	195,811.54	0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	0.00		
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	5,432.51	844.82	
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00		
Timber Yield Taxes	0.00	1,241.48	
Uncollected Revenue End of Year:			
Property Taxes	502,823.35	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Tax Yield	657.51	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	**$6,076,777.07**	**$555,927.59**	**$694.84**

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Babb
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/ TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012

		Levies of:	
DEBITS	**2011**	**2010**	**2009+**
Unredeemed Liens			
Beginning of Fiscal Year	**0**	**$110,064.06**	**$79,141.36**
Liens Executed During FY	**$206,582.89**		
Interest and Costs Collected	**6,060.03**	**9,688.08**	**24,856.67**
TOTAL LIEN DEBTS	**$212,642.92**	**$119,752.14**	**$103,998.03**
CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	$81,241.47	$30,073.56	$62,518.29
Interest & Costs Collected	6,060.03	9,688.08	24,856.67
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	1,619.16	1,800.20	1,809.93
Liens Deeded to Municipality	5,345.59	5,559.05	9,588.10
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	118,376.67	72,631.25	5,225.04
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	**$212,642.92**	**$119,752.14**	**$103,998.03**

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending 2009

Clapp $40.00

Fiscal Year Ending 2010

Misiano $46.00

Fiscal Year Ending 2011

Cambio $782.00
Davis 705.00
Houle 747.00
Lane 6.00
Misiano 64.56
Schmitz 63.00
Vatcher 86.00

Fiscal Year Ending 2012

Arnold $29.00
Bachini 35.00
Boyle 444.00
Brown 251.00
Goodwin 342.00
Gower 254.00
Hall 449.00
Leduc 636.00
Misiano 65.00
NH Housing Authority 1,941.00
Whittredge 260.00

TIMBER TAX ABATMENTS

Clausen $999.00
Hatfield 242.00

TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2012

REVENUE BY DEPARTMENT:

Tax Collector	$6,145,105
Town Clerk	268,331
Selectmen	453,069
Building Inspector	16,773
Boat Tax	6,270
Interest Income	2714

INTEREST EXPENSE:

Tax Anticipation Notes	$21,709

TOTAL CASH ON HAND 12-31-11 ..... $1,872,860

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Clemons-Keith
Town Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2012, was not available at the time of printing, and therefore is not included in this Annual Report.

The auditors, Plodzik and Sanderson of Concord, NH will file the Financial Report and an Audit report when their work is complete. A copy of this Audit report will be available at the Town Office upon completion.

TOWN EMPLOYEES

Police	Ted Colby	$298
	Joseph Duchesne	1,190
	JoAnne Gayer	3,058
	James Hayford	446
	James Mullen	55,168
	Domenic Richardi	6,217
	Josh Shackford	64,970
	Teresa Shackford	7,753
	Matt Tyler	54,827
Highway	Devin Bolduc	3,101
	Lance Bolduc	24,557
	Scott Brooks, Sr	56,925
	Maureen Brooks	451
	Michael D'Andrea	2,194
	Charles Gibbs	1,248
	Robert Libby, Jr	193
	Harland MacDonald	2,996
	James MacDonald	40,283
	Charles Morrill	44,809
	Robert Smith	49,566
Transfer Station	Justin Brooks	40,919
	Philip Brooks	360
	George Stone	11,259
Building Inspector	Robert Babine	11,163
Zoning Officer	Edward Hatfield	4,550
Office	Holly Brooks	3,960
	Linda Farinella	30,338
	Amanda Feuerborn	882
	Karen Hatch	50,964

Facilities Custodian	Mark McKinley	9,344
Planning/ZBA/Conservation	Linda Farinella	1,364
	Dianne Park	878
Fire Department	Joseph Brabant	12,047
	Justin Brooks	10,000
	Robert Cunio	15,225
	Gene Doe	26,467
Health Officer	Frank Evitts	414
Welfare Officer	Tracy Hayes	1,050
Cemetery	George Beowe, Jr	1,982

STIPENDS

Fire/Rescue	Scott Adams	$667
	Andrew Bartolini	137
	Tyler Belanger	2,397
	Owen Bierweiler	120
	George Boewe	91
	Joe Brabant	2,318
	Rebecca Brabant	510
	Rob Cunio	4,198
	Mike Eldridge, Jr	1,695
	Caitlin Gillenwater	1,051
	JP McVitty	90
	Charlie Morrill	57
	Graham Prather	46
	Josh Sandahl	588
	Scott Schwartz	363
	Eric Seamans	2,364
	Jeffrey Tavares	193
	Tom Tozier	3,074

TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN OFFICERS	SALARY	FEES	EXPENSES	TOTAL
Selectmen				
Neal Boyle	5,000			5,000
Scott Cunningham	5,000			5,000
Leslie Babb	5,000			5,000
Town Clerk				
A. Elizabeth Priebe	5,000	13,742	505	19,247
Deputy Town Clerk				
Sue Brown	3,047		77	3,124
Treasurer				
Pamela Clemons-Keith	3,000		1,595	4,595
Tax Collector				
Anne Babb	3,000	6,138	11,399	20,537
Supervisors of Checklist				
Daniel Brooks	933			933
Patricia McCoy	953			953
Carol Stansell	835		25	860
Moderator				
Donald Johnson	513			513
Trustee of Trust Funds				
Patricia McCoy				50
Eric Bossidy				50
Kimberly Reis				50

VENDORS
MAJOR SERVICE SUPPLIERS

Admiral Fire & Safety, Inc. (FD)	$508
AJ Foss (TS)	3,088
Allstate Asphalt (HD)	14,832
Allstate Fire Equipment (FD)	628
American Test Center (FD)	400
Amerigas (GG)	8,011
Anderson Equipment Co (HD)	1,999
Aquatic Control Technology Inc. (GG)	2,363
Avitar Associates of NE, Inc. (GG)	6,828
BB Chain (HD)	2,983
Bergeron Protective Clothing (FD)	16,093
BII Fence & Guardrail Repair (TS)	3,750
Bluetarp Financial Inc (HD)	1,022
BNI Distribution Inc (GG)	1,326
Brocktalk Education (FD)	1,000
Chuck Brooks Light Carpentry (GG)	1,007
GW Brooks & Sons, Inc. (HD)	64,466
Brooks Sr., Scott (HD)	37,573
Brookside Building Services (GG)	1,844
Business Management Systems, Inc. (GG)	4,357
Bye, Donald (GG)	605
CB Kentworth, Inc. (HD)	1,823
Central Paper Products (GG)	624
Century Manufacturing Corp (FD)	1,040
Champagne Solutions, LLC (HD)	19,414
CMA Engineers (HD)	5,078
Coleman Concrete (HD)	704
Coleman Rental & Supply, Inc. (HD)	4,364
AJ Coleman & Son, Inc. (HD)	716
Conway Truck & Service, LLC (HD/FD)	2,955
Crossway Repair (HD)	1,825
Crowell's Towing and Repair, Inc. (HD/FD)	950
Daily Sun (GG)	2,049
Bob Davis Equipment Repairs (TS)	1.586
R. Desmarais & Associates, LLC (GG)	212,495

Devine, Millimet & Branch (GG) 1,450
Diamond Ledge Electronics (HD/FD) 2,221
Diesel Works, LLC (HD) 973
DiPrizio GMC Trucks, Inc. (HD) 2,204
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC (GG) 11,957
Eastman Welding (HD) 649
Eastpoint Lasers, LLC (HD) 1,100
Ellis, Paul (HD) 4,025
Elliot Enterprises, Inc. (FD) 950
Emergency Medical Products, Inc. (FD) 1,485
English Arboriculture (HD) 5,200
Howard P. Fairfield, LLC. (HD) 775
Fairpoint Communications (GG) 8,501
Firematic Supply Co., Inc. (FD) 490
Flag Shop of VT (GG) 560
Fraser & Sons Repair (FD) 1,190
Freedom Automotive (PD) 2,930
Freedom Landscaping (CC) 2,900
Freedom Market (PD) 935
Galls (PD) 933
Garland Lumber Co., Inc (CC) 3,900
GMI Asphalt (HS) 1,900
Granite State Minerals, Inc. (HD) 30,736
Gemini Sign & Design LTD (PD) 475
Green Mountain Conservation Group (CC) 3,000
Green Mountain Furniture (FD) 680
Harleysville Life Insurance Co. (GG) 6,823
Hastings Law Office (GG) 3,229
HEBergeron (GG) 10,729
Henderson, Walter (GG) 2,996
Human Resource Partners (GG) 3,025
Independent Color Press (GG) 441
Indian Mound Hardware (HD, FD) 1,699
Industrial Traffic Line, Inc (HD) 5,596
Information Management Corp. (PD) 1,850
International Code Council (GG) 732
International Salt (HD) 31,738
J.O. Cook & Sons, LLC (HD) 1,260

Katahdin Analytical Services (TS) 540
BH Keith Associates (CC) 5,761
Kezar Falls Auto & Truck Parts (FD, HD).....629
Lakeside Security (HD).....7,167
Lakes Region Fire Apparatus, Inc. (FD).....10,743
Lakes Region Planning Commission (GG).....4,408
Lampron Energy (GG) 76,671
Law Office of Paul M. Monzione, PC (GG).....5,600
Lawson Products (HD).....996
Leavitt Business Enterprises (TS).....505
Jesse E. Lyman, Inc (GG) 54,328
Maple Ridge Septic Service (GG).....3,185
MacDonald Motors (HD) 1,687
K. Mason Electrical LLC (GG).....3,151
SA McLean & Sons (HD) 6,514
Michie Corp (HD) 4,547
Milton Cat (HD) 6,862
Minuteman Press (GG).....2,252
Motorola (PD) 3,365
Mullen, James dba Taylor Lawn & Landscape (GG) 3,000
NAPA Autoparts (HD).....742
National Fire Fighter Wildland (FD) 920
National License, LLC (FD) 825
Neptune Uniforms & Equipment (PD) 1,129
New England Barricade Co. (HD) 1,059
New England Embroidery Co. (PD/FD).....404
New England Lift Co. (GG) 1,402
New England Milfoil (GG) 5,425
New England Truck Tire Centers Inc (HD) 2,022
Nicom Coatings Corp (HD) 12,000
Nix, Stephan (GG) 4,447
Northeast Resource Recovery Assoc (TS).....2,074
North Conway Ambulance Service (GG) 33,688
North Country Tractor, Inc. (TS) 1,485
Old Dominion Brush Co. (HD).....541
Ossipee Aggregates (HD).....5,735
Ossipee Auto Parts (HD).....4,553
Ossipee Mountain Electronics (FD, HD) 38,150

Owen Leasing Co (HD).....9,085
Palmer Spring Co. (HD).....2,002
JP Pest Services (HS).....750
Pine Tree Engineering, Inc. (TS).....3,620
Pine Tree Waste (TS).....93,412
Pinnacle Public Finance (FD).....29,076
Plodzik & Sanderson (GG).....13,968
Porter Office Machines, Corp (GG).....5,940
Positive Promotions Inc. (FD).....648
Postmaster Freedom (GG).....3,070
Primex (GG).....43,809
PSNH (GG).....23,005
R & D Paving (HD).....58,205
Reid, Nathan (HS).....860
Remick, Lisa (PD).....500
RN Craft Inc. (HD).....2,495
John E. Roberts Excavation (HD).....7,070
Ron Curriers Hilltop Chevrolet (PD).....28,000
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc. (GG).....965
Sanels Autoparts Co (HD).....408
Schaeffer's Specialized Lubricants (HD).....2,543
Scrub Oak Scramblers, Inc. (CC).....3,200
Signet Electronic System, Inc. (GG).....3,372
Skehan Home Center (HD).....3,505
E.W. Sleeper (HD).....3,659
Staples (GG).....10,194
Starlite Suppliers, Inc. (TS).....591
Sullivan Tire Co. (FD).....2,434
Superior Insulation (FD).....10,670
Taillon Crane Services, Inc. (HD).....3,200
Tasker's Well Company, Inc. (TS).....10,772
Teaticket Locksmith, LLC (GG).....623
Team EJP (HD).....1,587
Tennis Courts of NH (GG).....2,185
Time Warner Cable (GG).....1,743
Town Line Equipment Sales, Inc. (HD).....522
TRH Equipment Repair, LLC (HD).....3,768
Unifirst Corp (HD).....5,593

Valladares Transportation & Repair (HD).....983
Van Dyke Welding, Inc (CC).....1,200
Verizon Wireless (FD/PD).....2,891
Water Industries, Inc. (HD,TS).....3,815
Watchguard (PD).....5,050
Wells Appliance Service (GG).....911
Windy Ridge Corp (HD).....1,982
Winter Equipment Co (HD).....1,600
Witmer Public Safety Group (FD).....1,796
RB Wood & Associates, LLC (GG).....25,480
WSB Technologies (GG).....12,218
4 Guys (FD).....131,438

CC - Conservation Commission
GG - General Government
HS - Historical Society
TS - Transfer Station
HD - Highway Department
FD - Fire Department
PD - Police Department

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 2012 we had 12,834 visits from library patrons who checked out 15,915 items - a 6% decrease in patronage but an overall increase in circulation from 2011. Areas of greatest growth include a 9% increase in adult circulation, 19% increase in kids and young adult circulation, 56% increase in magazine borrowing, and a 20% increase in audio circulation. The only decrease was a 21% slump in DVD borrowing.

Another area of growth for the library was in downloadable e-books and audiobooks. Usage of the NH Downloadable Books service offered by the library doubled in 2012 and we expect this popular service to continue to grow as more and more patrons read and listen to books using their e-readers and MP3 players such as Kindles, iPads and iPods.

We also provide access to a number of research databases provided by the NH State Library and three which the library has purchased itself: two genealogy databases, HeritageQuest and Ancestry Library Edition, and Career Cruising database, helpful for job searchers, those contemplating new careers, and students researching colleges. Patrons were able to borrow passes giving free or reduced admission to seven area museums and attractions. Our public access computers and free Wi-Fi draw many to the library.

The library offered several programs this year, most made possible by volunteer and financial help from the Friends of the Library. We had five lectures for adults which had such large attendance that we had to hold most of them at the Freedom Town Hall. We also collaborated with several community groups and organizations to offer a town-wide holiday program that was very well received. In the summer, we hosted three professional children's programs. We added a soup and bread supper following each of the films in our popular Winter Film Series last year and attendance soared.

Ongoing programs include monthly pizza & movie nights, weekly preschool storytimes, monthly adult book club meetings, year 'round children's book club, and a weekly knitting group. Many community groups use our space for their meetings.

This year's summer reading program was another big success. We had 123 kids, teens and adults actively participate in the summer reading program

for their age group and as always we offered a variety of weekly activities for kids and teens. The library received a grant from the Pequawket Foundation for the purchase of digital cameras and a color printer which were used in several programs this summer.

During the school year, the library has been pleased to host monthly visits from the Kindergarten, 2nd and 3rd grade classes. During their visits, the librarian reads to them and the students get to choose a book to borrow.

Special projects this year included a new garden paid for and maintained by the Mountain Garden Club; a professional development trip funded by the Friends of the Library for our Librarian, Elizabeth Rhymer to attend the Public Library Association Conference in Philadelphia; exterior cleaning, painting and structural maintenance of the library, the hiring of a library school intern who helped with summer programming (also paid for by the Friends), and switching over to barcoded library cards.

We encourage all Freedom residents to get a library card and take advantage of all the resources available at our beautiful and welcoming library!

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Robinson, Chair
MaryAnn Hogan, Secretary
Tom Luke, Treasurer
Ann Pierce, Alternate

Assets 01/01/2012

Checking	$15,665.24
Money Market	7,763.36
Centennial Fund	25.00
Endowment Fund	19,272.95
Scully Fund	1,681.41
Cayford Fund	6,698.00
Williams Fund	19,294.61
Total Assets 01/01/2012	**$70,400.57**

Receipts 2012

Book Sales	$936.70
CD Interest	253.17
Conscience Fund	336.00
Fax & Copier	447.90
Friends Donation	4,232.90
Interest Inc	52.27
Unanticipated Gifts	1,800.00
Other Income	1,255.89
Town Appropriation	66,565.00
Total Receipts 2012	**$75,879.83**
Total Assets + Receipts 2012	**$146,280.40**

Expenditures 2012

Books	$8,547.61
Computer/Copier	3,378.61
Dues & Conferences	386.00
Electricity	2,839.52
Grounds	2,029.00
Heat	2,084.08
Maintenance	4,658.50
Other Expense	443.01
Periodicals	241.63
Postage	225.06
Programs	1,666.09
Supplies	1,420.55
Summer Intern	1,614.75

Tax	5,025.48
Telephone	668.40
Unanticipated Gift Expenditures	1,353.75
Wages	42,349.66
Water	525.00
Total Expenditures 2010	**$79,456.70**

Assets 12/31/2012

Checking	$12,990.55
Money Market	7,642.34
Centennial Funds	25.00
Trustees Account	19,272.95
Scully Fund	900.25
Cayford Fund	6,698.00
Williams Fund	19,294.61
Total Assets 12/31/2012	**$66,823.70**

Total Expenditures & Assets $146,280.40

Memorial Funds Held:

William Fritz Bequests	$1,915.01
Elizabeth Packard Bequest	835.00
Ann Kidder-Poor Bequest	150.00
	$2,900.01

FIRE DEPARTMENT

It has been a year now that we have been in the new station. It is working out well for us, I believe the new station has lifted moral and the members of the fire department are proud and the towns people should be proud as well.

With the unfortunate beginning of the year, I was appointed interim chief. To fulfill the commitment of advanced level medical care to the Town of Freedom we implemented a duty crew format. That crew provides advanced life support personnel Monday through Friday 7am to 3:30pm to maintain the highest level of care to the residents and visitors of Freedom. This has been the standard for the past year and it has worked extremely well and this format will continue in the upcoming year.

A standout call for the year 2012 was an Ice Rescue on Berry Bay where a subject and two dogs fell through the ice. Members of the rescue team also fell through the ice during the rescue. Fortunately, having the appropriate equipment and training for these types of rescues, the subject and both dogs were rescued and doing fine. Due to members' quick response and no hesitation lives were saved on that day, both human and pet.

Another standout call was a plane crash off of Ossipee Lake Road; which is something we do not train for on a regular basis. Even though a rare call, members quickly adapted and successfully extricated the subject and provided Advanced Life Support care.

After 45 years of service to the Freedom Fire-Rescue Department, JP McVitty III has retired. However, he will be staying on as Deputy Forest Fire Warden. Thank you JP for your dedication and years of service to the Town of Freedom.

With a big thank you to the townspeople in December we received our new 3,000 gallon tanker. This addition is a great functioning truck that will serve the Town of Freedom for many years to come.

I would like to thank all department heads and employees for their cooperation and support and look forward to working with you in the future.

I would like to thank the town's people for their continued support and look forward to their support for many years to come.

And finally I would like to thank the men and women of this department with whom I work with on a daily basis. The town's people should be proud of these individuals who protect life and property on a daily basis and sacrifice time away from their families.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin S. Brooks
Chief Freedom Fire-Rescue

"Plans are worthless, but planning is everything. There is a very great distinction because when you are planning for an emergency you must start with this one thing; the very definition of 'emergency' is that it is unexpected, therefore it is not going to happen the way you are planning."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

FIRE - RESCUE CALLS

Structure Fire	3
Mutual Aid Fires	12
Alarm Activations	31
Illegal Burns	5
Vehicle Fires	2
Plane Crash	1
Vegetation Fires	3
Medical Aids	115
Ice/Water Rescue	3
Medical Intercepts	3
Medical Transport by Ambulance	11
MVA	20
MVA Extrication	1
Station Coverage	2
Hazardous Materials	1
Service Calls	8
Tree/Wires Down	5
Transformer Fire	1
Dumpster Fire	1
CO Calls	9
Severe Weather	2
No Responders	1
Chimney Fire	1
Police Standby	2
Total	243

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271 -1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility . Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Due to a record warm winter and little snow, our first fire occurred on February 4th with several more early fires to follow. Normally a large percentage of the warm windy days with low humidity occur when the ground is saturated from a long snow covered winter. By the time the surface fuels and ground dry out enough to bum, we only have a few weeksuntil "green up". This year however we had an extended period of these favorable spring fire conditions. Our largest fire in the state was 86 acres. The average size fire was .6 acres. Extensive summer rains kept total acreage burned to near normal levels

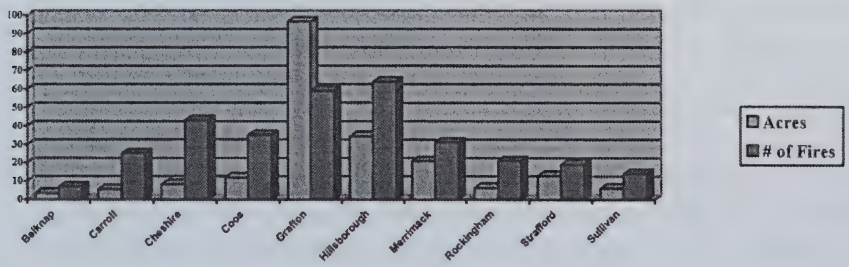
As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Several of the fires during the 2012 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2012 FIRE STATISTICS

(Allfires reported as of October 2012)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Montain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.6	7
Carroll	5.5	25
Cheshire	8.3	43
Coos	11.8	35
Grafton	96.5	59
Hillsborough	34.2	64
Merrimack	20.8	31
Rockingham	6.4	21
Strafford	12.9	19
Sullivan	6	14



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	TOTAL
Arson	14
Debris	105
Campfire	14
Children	15
Smoking	17
Railroad	0
Equipment	6
Lightning	7
Misc.* (power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)	140

YEARLY FIRES	YEAR	FIRES	TOTAL ACRES
	2012	318	206
	2011	125	42
	2010	360	145
	2009	334	173
	2008	455	175

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

POLICE REPORT

Statistically the Freedom Police Department handled the same number of calls for service in 2012 as we did in 2011, approximately 3,000. The only change related to staffing is that Dominic Richardi who was working here part-time was elected to the position of High Sheriff for Carroll County. The biggest change for the Police Department was the move to our new Public Safety building. This has been a huge morale boost to my officers and me.

2012 was certainly an interesting year. One of the larger cases we dealt with this year was a rash of burglaries and thefts at local contractors places of businesses including the N.H. D.O.T. highway shed located in Freedom. The entire investigation lasted for months and stretched into at least two states, three counties and included a minimum of seven different police agencies. Arrests were made and some property was recovered. At the time of this report some of the perpetrators are still awaiting trial but the good news is those types of burglaries did stop.

One of the low points of the year was the shooting death of Chief Maloney of Greenland P.D. and the wounding of several Attorney General Drug Task Force Members. Just recently the Attorney General's Office released its review of the incident and the Freedom and Madison Police Departments made that review a part of our required use of force training. These very same types of drug raids are very common in Carroll County. As a matter of fact the Freedom and Madison Police Departments executed two drug search warrants this summer with the Attorney General's Drug Task Force. We were told that these were the first two that the Attorney General's Office had executed since the Greenland shooting.

One thing I was very proud of in 2012 was assisting the South Portland Police Department in recovering over 4,000 prescription narcotics that were stolen out of a warehouse in their city. Prescription drug abuse is a very serious problem nationwide. I really felt that taking this amount of drugs off the streets had to have an impact on somebody's life.

Some of the other highlights of the past year for the Freedom Police Department included a plane crash, being attacked by a rabid fox and a shooting on Christmas Eve.

I do not have set office hours or a full-time administrative assistant. I have heard from several community members this year that they have come to the police department and found nobody there. There is generally one officer out at any given time and by the very nature of policing we cannot predict when a call is going to come in and we need to respond. If you want to speak with an officer for any reason by phone or in person please call. We dispatch through the Carroll County Communications Center and an officer will get back to you as soon as practicable. If it is an emergency and a Freedom Police Officer is not available a Carroll County Deputy Sheriff or New Hampshire State Trooper will respond.

For Emergencies - Dial 911

Non-Emergency - Call 539-8268 or 539-2284

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Josh L. Shackford

TRANSFER STATION

In 2012 we had 939.28 tons removed from the facility of that 26.58% was recycled from our solid waste and 21.28% from the overall total.

This year we added a well and septic system at the Transfer Station and it is working out great. A big thank you goes out to Scott Brooks and the highway crew for the installation and to my dad Jerry Brooks for building the bathroom. By doing this project in house it saved the town a lot of money.

I would like to thank all the department heads and their staff, the Selectmen and my special thanks to the taxpayers and users of the Transfer Station for your much needed support.

"I would rather earn 1% off a 100 people's efforts than 100% of my own efforts." *John D. Rockefeller*

Respectfully submitted,
Justin S. Brooks
Transfer Station Manager

Transfer Station Facts

Average amounts that came into the station each week in 2012:

Trash	19,200lbs	Scrap Iron	269lbs
Demo	7,787lbs	Clothes	167lbs
Recycle	6,943lbs	Electronics	308lbs

Summer Hours Begin 05/30/13 Tues, Thurs, Saturday and Sunday 8-5

Winter Hours Begin 09/07/13 Tuesday and Saturday 8-4; Sunday 9-4

CLOSINGS	SPECIAL HOURS
Easter 03/31/2013	Memorial Day 05/27/13 8am-5pm
Tuesday 05/28/13	July 5, 2013 8am - 5pm
Tuesday 09/01/13	Labor Day 09/02/2013 8am - 5pm

2012 Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling Report

2012 Months	# of Hauls	Municipal Solid Waste	# of Hauls	Construction Debris (Demo)	# of Hauls	Zero-Sort Recycling	Total Hauls	Total Tons
January	3	31.56	1	5.55	2	11.06	6	**48.17**
February	2	35.10	1	8.15	3	17.16	6	**60.41**
March	2	25.79	1	8.07	1	6.33	4	**40.19**
April	3	33.24	2	12.62	2	10.97	7	**56.83**
May	4	46.99	3	24.64	3	15.41	10	**87.04**
June	3	39.63	3	22.72	2	11.07	8	**73.42**
July	5	63.51	4	29.03	5	29.71	14	**122.25**
August	5	73.08	3	27.06	4	24.58	12	**124.72**
September	3	40.10	2	14.50	2	12.12	7	**66.72**
October	4	50.39	4	33.54	3	18.15	11	**102.08**
November	3	35.64	1	8.44	2	12.28	6	**56.36**
December	2	23.44	1	8.15	2	11.67	5	**43.26**
Total Hauls	**39**		**26**		**31**		**96**	
Total Tons		**498.47**		**202.47**		**180.51**		**881.45**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen had a busy year with a full and productive agenda. These accomplishments have been driven by energetic citizen leadership and work by both volunteers and employees. With too many individuals to thank individually, the Board and the town greatly appreciate your contributions. With limited full time staff, by necessity, Freedom is a volunteer driven community. It is gratifying to see the enthusiasm of the Town's citizens with new faces participating every year.

The Selectmen continue to manage the town with an eye toward maintaining a stable and attractive tax rate. In 2011, the downward revaluation caused the tax rate to rise. However, because the bonds for the school addition and reconstruction of Bennett and Ossipee Lake Roads ended, the dollar amount of tax bills was lower. In 2012, the bond for the Public Safety building was added to tax bills. We have been able to maintain 2012 tax bills at 2010 levels. The Board has worked very hard on the budget this year to maintain the absolute dollar amount to be raised by taxes in 2013 equal to or less than those paid in 2012.

In order to document estimated implications for the tax rate, the Board of Selectmen is working with town department heads, placing an increased emphasis on long range financial planning to create a capital improvement plan (CIP). This involves significant spread-sheet analysis, a task that will not be completed until later in 2013. This will give the town a tool to better plan our capital purchases and forecast requirements for reserving funds for such purchases.

As part of our financial management process, Les Babb led a review of the town's health insurance and costs. As a result we found a program which saves us on an annualized basis $55,000. Similarly Scott Brooks led a review group to look at highway department policies and the purchase of capital items.

2012 found us at a cross road regarding the town grader (which is no longer manufactured), although it was not slated for replacement, finding parts to repair it was becoming increasingly difficult if not impossible. After public hearings the decision was made to move ahead with the lease purchase of a new grader, while the old grader was functional and had trade in value-a move we believe will save a significant amount over attempting to extend the use of the old grader for an additional year. We are proposing the grader be purchased from the town's fund balance, which is well over prudent and required levels. Using fund balance monies means this purchase will not affect our tax rate.

The Board has continued its proactive program of town building maintenance. Last year, we implemented the approved "energy plan," which included insulating the first floor of the Town Hall with foam insulation. We are reviewing options for winter insulation of the windows. We plan to paint the trim of the Town Office this spring. The new Safety Building has proven to be everything we hoped for and should serve us for many decades to come.

Our ambulance service contract, developed jointly with Eaton, Madison, and Tamworth continues to work well at a very attractive rate. We have three years left on this contract. Similarly, the Assessors contract jointly developed with Sandwich, Tamworth and Tuftonboro is working well and has four years to run.

This last year saw the arrival of the new Fire Department tanker. The tanker was carefully designed to meet Freedom's staffing and hill climbing requirements. It has a stainless steel body warranted for 30 years. With good maintenance, the tanker could last for 40 years.

This year saw a downturn in the number of property takings for non-payment of taxes. Except for two unique situations, we have been able to work with the previous owners to repurchase their property.

For a small town, Freedom is fortunate to have employees of very high quality. Each of our departments does its job very well; setting a standard for neighboring towns. We are continually looking for ways in which each department can provide added value to the town within the financial constraints. This year we will review and rebid all aspects of town expenditures to ensure they reflect the opportunities and realities of the economic times we are living in.

As we all know, Freedom is a wonderful place to live. The town is financially healthy and in a sustainable financial position. We have excellent schools. Like most other towns Freedom is an aging community with an excellent but under capacity school. We need to review this and see if there are ways to attract younger people to town.

Freedom has a great sense of community and is in an excellent position to move forward. Voters and taxpayers have provided excellent support for important town needs. In all our decisions, we will continue to balance the various needs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie R. Babb, Chairman
Scott M. Cunningham
Neal E. Boyle

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Applications for Planning Board Decisions

Compared to the last three years, the planning board's activity picked up a bit in 2012. We approved two site plans, three boundary line adjustments, and three mergers of lots. We had one subdivision application that was withdrawn.

One of the site plan approvals was for North Atlantic Towers to construct a cell tower on Moulton Road. This was a complicated application and has many twists and turns. What follows is a history of the important events regarding this project.

Cell Tower Application History and Completion Plan

The board started considering this application on March 17, 2011 and gave it conditional approval on June 16, 2011. The conditions covered a number of usual items (pay all fees, removal bond required by the zoning ordinance, requiring all state and federal permits). Because the plan included siting the tower at the end of a half mile long road up a steep hill, the planning board spent a great deal of time considering the storm water management plan for this site. Given the topography, this was a complicated task and led to a number of conditions to protect the town and the abutters from damaging runoff from this project.

Completing the conditions took the tower company some time and, on February 16, 2012, the planning board granted final approval to the cell tower project. The tower company received its building permit on March 1, 2012. As it cleared the site, the tower company violated a number of conditions of approval. The board of selectmen issued a cease and desist order at the end of June 2012. The violations included not establishing the required storm water controls. Over the course of the summer, the tower company worked to correct the problems. On October 17, 2012, the cease and desist order was lifted and the company was given permission to tie rebar and to contact the town's engineer to inspect the rebar installation before proceeding to pour concrete on the rebar. John Stevens, the cell tower's representative, came to a select

board meeting on November 5, 2012, to review progress. At that meeting, he reported that the tower company had tied the rebar and had also poured the concrete base of the tower. Because the inspection of the rebar was

important in determining whether the construction was done correctly, the board of selectmen issued another cease and desist order that night.

Since then, the tower company has acknowledged its violations in a settlement agreement that imposes fines and sets forth the time frame for the remaining work to be done. At this point, the tower company is stabilizing the site for winter and is permitted to stack the tower and install the building, generator, and power lines if it can be done by February 18. At that point, all construction on the site is prohibited until May 1 (or later if the road ban is not yet lifted). In May and June, the tower company will finish all storm water management features.

The planning board understands the importance of this tower to many town residents and has worked continuously with the tower company to resolve all problems. The board has also worked to ensure that this project will not cause damage to town roads or abutters' property. The board seeks the balance between the rights of property owners and the rights of others in all of our actions.

Other 2012 Planning Board Actions

The board adopted changes to the subdivision and site plan review regulations as required by FEMA to maintain Freedom's eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Plan. This process has come to completion on January 14, 2013 with the board of selectmen's approval of the flood plain maps.

Proposed Ordinance Changes for the March ballot

The planning board is asking voters to approve three changes to the zoning ordinance in the ballot on March 12, 2013.

1. Home Occupation: Last March, voters approved a change in home occupations that defined "minor" and "major" home occupations. This change described "minor" home occupations that "are conducted in a way to have essentially no impact." These minor home occupations do not require permits or a special exception from the ZBA. As such, a minor home occupation is a "permitted use." The planning board is proposing to change tables 304.1-304.4 to add "minor home occupation" as a permitted use. It also proposes to change the special exception use in these tables from "home occupation" to "major home occupation."

2. District Boundaries: Extend the Residential/Light Commercial District along Route 153 from its current end at Bennett Road to the Madison Line on Route 153. On March 10, 2009, voters approved a workforce housing ordinance that defined the Residential/Light Commercial District as running the length of route 153. However, the board did not ask voters to approve this change in the district boundary definitions in Appendix A District Boundaries. This proposal is asking voters to formally approve the change in district boundaries.
3. Definition of Retail Store: Zoning Ordinance Article 18, Definitions, says that a retail store is allowed by special exception as a light commercial use. Table 304.4, the Residential/Light Commercial District, says that a retail store is a permitted use. The planning board proposes to eliminate the language in the definition referring to a special exception so that the definition conforms to the uses in table 304.4. While this may seem to be a housekeeping matter, legal counsel has advised the planning board that this vote is necessary.

I would like to thank the board members for their work this year. Board members are: Ernie Day, Jr., Beth Earle, Pam Keith, Janet Meyers, and Peter Park. Les Babb serves as the selectmen's representative.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne B. Cunningham

FREEDOM PLANNING BOARD
2013
MEETINGS

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	Regular Planning Board Meeting
December 27, 2012	January 17, 2013
January 31, 2013	February 21, 2013
February 28, 2013	March 21, 2013
March 28, 2013	April 18, 2013
April 25, 20112	May 16, 2013
May 30, 2013	June 20, 2013
June 27, 2013	July 18, 2013
July 25, 2013	August 15, 2013
August 29, 2013	September 19, 2013
September 26, 2013	October 17, 2013
October 24, 2013	November 21, 2013
November 27, 2013	December 19, 2013

ZONING OFFICER

The 2012 zoning year showed a few more requests for new buildings and an average amount of repairs or additions compared to 2011. Details are in the building inspector's report. Issues which resulted in reconsideration of the wording in the zoning ordinance included home occupations, accessory uses to residential properties, tree or brush cutting in the shorefront district, and what constitutes a structure as related to the 10% rule as it affects lot coverage.

The present status of the consideration of issues is that each individual application or situation stands on its own merit relative to the wording in the Freedom Zoning Ordinance as understood by the board or code officer having jurisdiction. In some cases, the wording in the ordinance is precise allowing a ruling to be clear. In other instances, the intent of the ordinance can be followed, as well as case law, as they affect the Town and the property owner. Approvals on applications which don't follow the details of the Zoning Ordinance can be given by allowing reasonable requests through variances. Adjustments to the ordinance also can be proposed and voted on at Town meeting, with the purpose of providing reasonable protection for the applicant and the Town.

Don't forget to submit applications early in the year, so sufficient time will be available for completion of the project prior to bad weather setting in. Appropriate and necessary paper work can take more time than expected.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Hatfield
Zoning Officer

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed 22 cases in 2012; fifteen of those applications included requests for dimensional variances (requests to build new structures or additions which are located at least in part in the side, front, or rear setbacks). Many of the applications were modified by the applicant to satisfy concerns of the Board. All were granted approval with the exception of the one case still open. The Board granted a re-hearing that ultimately resulted in approval. An Appeal of Administrative Decision was requested and granted. The Board also;

- Granted a special exception to allow David Crane to install a replacement septic system that required erosion control.
- Granted a special exception to allow Richard Birnie to place a stairway in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Camp Huckins to remove trees and erosion control for construction in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Brenda Lemay to construct a new home with proper erosion control in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Wayne Delano to remove trees within the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Michael Zammitti to install silt fence as an erosion control measure during construction in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Michael Goldstein to alter a home with necessary erosion control measures in place with in the Shore Front district.
- Granted a special exception to allow Peter and Michele Keenan to construct a garage with proper erosion control in the Shore Front district.
- Granted a special exception to allow Kathryn Lalumiere to remove 433 square feet of asphalt in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Robert and Betty Howland to construct a garage with proper erosion control in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to Michael Bolster to replace a dwelling in the Shore Front District.

- Granted a special exception to Alfred Ligouri Trust to construct a wall with proper erosion control measures in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to Eleanor O'Reilly to replace a deck and stairs in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to Linda Habif for erosion control in the Shore Front district to construct a retaining wall with a perched beach.

Special exceptions are uses that are allowed provided criteria outlined in the Town Zoning Code are met.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lees Chairman

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
2013

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	Regular ZBA Meeting
January 7, 2013	January 22, 2013
February 11, 2013	February 26, 2013
March 11, 2013	March 26, 2013
April 8, 2013	April 23, 2013
May 13, 2013	May 28, 2013
June 10, 2013	June 25, 2013
July 8, 2013	July 23, 2013
August 12, 2013	August 27, 2013
September 9, 2013	September 24, 2013
October 7, 2013	October 22, 2013
November 12, 2013	November 26, 2013
December 2, 2013	December 17, 2013

BUILDING CODE REPORT

2012 has proven to be another productive year in Freedom's building trades, following closely on the heals of 2011 and previous years.

Second homes seem to be making a comeback as newer homes are being built and older houses on the market are being bought for the same reason.

The tourist trade seems to be stronger than it was in past years, and let's hope that this indicates that a brighter economic future is upon us.

The work load for the past two years is as follows:

	2011	2012
Permits Issued	146	139
Permit Fees	$17,065.89	$16,831.18
Fines Collected	0	$550.00
Single Family Houses	9	14
Value of Construction	$3,878,500.00	$4,694,100.00
Inspections Performed	137	132
Stop Work Orders Issued	6	2

I have completed four years as Freedom's Building Inspector. It's been a pleasure to work in such a great town and a joy to serve the public in this capacity.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert M. Babine
Building Code Officer

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION (FCC)

Chairman, R.A. Oram

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAC)

Chairman, Rob Hatch

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE (FAISC)

Chairman, Jim McElroy

FCC

In 1963 the Conservation Commission Enabling Act was passed by the New Hampshire General Court (legislative body). Chapter 36A of the NH Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) governs all conservation commission activities.

Conservation can be approached from the local level; in 1981 the Freedom Conservation Commission was established.

- Goals: To develop long term plans and strategies for the protection of the town's natural resources.
- Objectives: To manage town owned lands for recreation, wildlife management, water quality, ecological balance, and sustainable timber harvesting.

FAC

I am so glad that the Town found the wisdom to embrace the Town Forest, and grateful to all involved since its inception. Personally, I think it's one of the best things we've ever done in our community, and pleased to be able to report on its progress.

In 2004 a questionnaire was sent to the townspeople of Freedom, resulting in the top two concerns that the Town Forest be maintained for game, and wildlife management. The Forest Advisory Committee has moved with that always in mind.

Relative to creating the "perfect" forest in this regard, we knew we were weak in open upland areas, (fields as opposed to woodland) which are an integral part of wildlife habitat. We have continually and strategically oversized our log landings, stumped and seeded to create wildlife

openings for the benefit of many species. With this year's timber sale, two more landings were thus established, making for over a dozen such areas of essential upland feed and cover. Location of these landings provides southern exposure and early growth patterns, making feed more readily available in the spring when most needed.

Soil samples were taken this year to determine the best mix of lime and fertilizer for these openings, and a program initiated to treat them, as well as annual mowing.

A "winter survival" mix of 50 shrubs and trees were planted this year consisting of such as crabapple, rugose rose, European highbush cranberry, which should mature within 4 to 6 years for the benefit of many species of wildlife.

Of environmental aspects, the jewel of the Town Forest, the Trout Pond itself has been recognized as one of the most pristine bodies of water within the State. It is monitored by the EPA and one of only three water bodies in the State which serves as a benchmark of water quality for all of northeastern United States. Relative to, the Town applied for a permanent restriction on the use of gasoline motors on the Trout Pond, and through a Public Hearing administered by the NH DOT, this became law.

Recreationally, the connecting trail from the Jackman Ridge Rd to the pond was in such disrepair that the NH Fish & Game stock truck was unable to access and place yearling trout in the pond. The connector trail has been rebuilt and now serviceable for canoe launching and stocking. The Parking area at the Pequawket gate off the Ossipee Lake Rd has been enlarged to keep up with visitor parking, and ensure the gate is clear in event of emergency.

As well as logging and wildlife habitat, the Town Forest is maintained for a wide variety of recreational use, such as hiking, snowmobiling, mountain biking, canoeing, fishing, hunting, and horseback riding. There are informational kiosks with maps available at the three major entry points of Pequawket, Jackman, and Mary's mountain trailheads. Special use functions such as snowmobile winter carnival, dog sled races and such are issued on a free permit basis pending their approval. All are encouraged to enjoy the forest.

Along with the above, and the routine works of the Town Forest performed by so many volunteers; trash clean up, trail maintenance,

culvert cleaning, painting gates and kiosks, the Town Forest has been recognized as exemplary of conservation easements within the State. Once again, this year's easement monitoring inspection performed by DRED confirms that you all "continue to do great work on this property." To those involved, those in support, I thank all for their involvement.

FAISC

Invasive species are becoming a significant challenge throughout the country and New Hampshire has not avoided these unwanted assaults on land and water. FAISC is currently focused on variable milfoil - an aquatic invasive plant that is remarkably virulent. Complete eradication is practically impossible so our plans deal with minimizing current infestations through active management and conducting preventive measures to reduce the risk of new plant colonies.

Human activity is believed to be one the primary mechanisms for the spread of variable milfoil. Therefore, educating all of our water body users to the do's and don'ts of identifying, reporting, and interacting with milfoil is essential to our work. The more trained eyes we have surveying our water bodies the better.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of our FAISC efforts is being on the lakes and ponds as we:

- Conduct surveys to look for evidence of new infestations and to characterize existing milfoil sites. This compliments surveys done by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).
- Work with our contractors as we help them to prioritize their work and ensure support from lake abutters.
- Respond to calls from concerned citizens who think that they may have identified milfoil.

While no new infestations were identified within Freedom this year, the very first discovery on the "big lake" was reported in the town of Ossipee (near the mouth of the Pine River).

Since the Ossipee Lake system knows no boundaries - water and plants move freely throughout the system - we continue to work closely with the conservation commissions of Effingham and Ossipee to communicate what we are doing as well as to learn from their progress.

Our plan for 2012 was to focus our efforts on hand pulling and Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) since we had done herbicide treatments for two years in a row on Middle Danforth. Mother Nature had other ideas as she rewarded us with a very mild winter and a very early ice out (more light to aquatic plants). This was followed by a warm sunny summer - ideal conditions for variable milfoil growth!

Fortunately, we had applied for and been awarded two state grants for milfoil treatment in 2012 - up to $3,387.50 for Herbicide and up to $5,463.00 for DASH/hand pulling. Both grants were based on a 50% cost share from the town. In addition, there was $6,500 set aside for milfoil removal in the 2012 town budget.

Middle Danforth efforts were in fact limited to DASH and hand pulling. Work was done in both summer and fall. However, based on the significant plant re-growth in Upper Danforth (a.k.a. Huckins Pond), we decided to conduct a limited herbicide treatment in September.

Feedback from lake abutters has been positive towards all of this work. A number of residents are again able to use their swimming areas due to the significant reduction of variable milfoil.

Based on fall survey results, NHDES updated our milfoil management plan and proposed work for 2013. We were able to apply for and be awarded a state grant that covered 40% of the cost of 2013 efforts including up to $5,420 for DASH/hand pulling and up to $5,010 for Herbicide treatment.

FCC/FAC/FAISC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FCC: R.A. Oram, Gregg Bossart, Rob Hatch, Sue Hoople, Alice Custard, Jim McElroy, Bill Elliott, and Justin Brooks (alternate).

FAC: Rob Hatch, Chuck Depew, Dave Surrette, Ron Newbury, Janet Johnson, and Janet Myers.

FAISC: Jim McElroy, R.A. Oram, and Bill Elliott.

TECHNICAL/ADMIN. SUPPORT

FCC, FAC, and FAISC extend a job well done to the town administrative staff, Karen Hatch, Linda Farinella, Holly Brooks, and Dianne Park who support us with timely and accurate schedules, notes and postings. FCC and FAC extend a thank you for the technical support of the Freedom Town Foresters, Rich Gerard and Barry Keith.

Respectfully submitted,

R.A. Oram, Chairman FCC
Robert Hatch, Chairman FAC
Jim McElroy, Chairman FAISC

2013 MEETING DATES FAC

First Wednesday at 7:00 pm

January 2
February 6
March 6
April 3
May 1
June 5
July 3
August 7
September 4
October 2
November 6
December 4

2013 MEETING DATES FCC

Third Tuesday at 7:00 pm

January 15
February 19
March 19
April 16
May 21
June 18
July 16
August 20
September 17
October 15
November 19
December 17

HERITAGE COMMISSION

This Commission was established at the March 2009 Town Meeting for the purpose of researching and recording the history of buildings and land features in the Town of Freedom, NH, offering education to the public and responding to the Select Board on their questions regarding these matters. This is done in cooperation with the Historical Society.

The six members, two alternates and Select Board Representative meet at the Library conference room five times a year to report, plan and transact formal business of the Commission. Agenda and approved meeting minutes are available on the Town Web Site and in printed form at the Town Office. The public is always welcome at these meetings and to participate in the activities.

The real work is done by members, associates and friends outside of the meetings. We have a list of projects that will take years to accomplish. During 2012 our efforts were focused on:

- Apply for approval to place the First School House, Plunges House, Masonic Lodge, Bandstand, and Roller Barn on the State Registry of Historical Places. Town Office was registered and approved last year. The Bandstand was approved this year.
- Worked with the Old Home Week committee to design, purchase and install a bronze plaque to designate and identify the structures on School House Hill. Plaque was dedicated during the 2012 OHW Ice Cream Social and band concert. The OHW committee funded the project, Scott Brooks located and installed the rock, Michael Gaudette installed the plaque and the BOS agreed to and supported this project.
- Bonnie Burroughs accomplished a project of finding and recording all of the barns in Freedom. This will include a photo album of the structures.
- Participate in workshops with statewide Heritage and Historical organizations. Our program has more activity and accomplishments than those of many locations.
- Assisted other Town organizations with research on building modifications and publications.

Members and alternates contributed a total of 1,117 hours to the accomplishment of Commission business in 2012.

Sincerely,

Alan Fall, Chairperson
Carol Foord, Vice-Chairperson
Bob Smart, Secretary/Treasurer
Bonnie Burroughs, Member
Gale Morris, Member
Peg Scully, Member
Raymond Dahlstrom, Alternate
Jean Marshall, Alternate
Scott Cunningham, Select Board Rep

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

2013

January 10
April 11
June 13
September 12
November 14

The Division of Historical Resources

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CERTIFIES THAT THE

Roller Shed

IN
FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HAS BEEN LISTED IN THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

30 July 2012

Van McLeod
Commission
Department of Cultural Resources

Elizabeth H. Muzzey, Director
State Historic Preservation Officer
Division of Historical Resources

Mary Kate Ryan
State Survey Coordinator
Division of Historical Resources

The Division of Historical Resources

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CERTIFIES THAT THE

Freedom Village Bandstand

IN
FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HAS BEEN LISTED IN THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

28 October 2012

Van McLeod
Commission
Department of Cultural Resources

Elizabeth H. Muzzey, Director
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Division of Historical Resources

Mary Kate Ryan
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Division of Historical Resources

ROAD AGENTS REPORT

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: (Preformed by the Hwy Dept)

- F550 DUMP TRUCK (3 yrs old – DUMP BODY 6 yrs old)
  DUMP BODY – Sandblasted, Primed, and Painted
- PLOW FRAMES, PLOWS & WINGS
  Repaired, Primed and Painted

HIGHWAY GARAGE MAINTENACE: (Hwy Dept)

- Steel Roofing Replaced on Westside of Garage Roof w/ Steel Roofing removed from Fire Station fall of 2011

ROAD MAINTENANCE: (Hwy Dept)

- ALL TOWN ROADS
  - o Roadside Mowing BRUSH & TREE CLEARANCE
  - o East Danforth, Independent, Flint Lock, Fire & Drum, Hill Side, Little Knoll, Liberty, Powder Horn, Patriots, and Burnham Roads.

IMPROVEMENTS: (Hwy Dept)

- HURRICANE SANDY
  - o Tree Removal on Independent, Huckins, Babcock, Cold Brook, & Durgin Hill Roads.
- TRANSFER STATION
  - o Concrete Floor Demolition (allowance for new washroom plumbing)
  - o 90 ft. Waterline Installation
  - o New Septic System Installation
  - o Restoration to all disturbed areas with Loam, Grass Seed, & Mulch
- TOWN OFFICE
  - o Old Fuel Tank Removal - - New 500 gal Tank Installation
  - o Large Flat Rock Removal from Freedom Point Road to the Town Office and placement made for the Heritage Commission's Bronze Plaque.
- CEMETERIES
  - o Name Signs Installed HAVERHILL STREET
  - o Reconstruction of 500 ft of Road Bed using -12 inches – 304.2 Gravel, 4 inches – 304.3 Gravel 2.5 inches – 3/ 4 inch Single Course Asphalt Shoulder Restoration
- HUCKINS ROAD
  - o Culvert Replacement

- PEQUAWKET TRAIL
  - 1 inch – 1/ 2" Wear Course Asphalt Placement (2300 ft portion)
  - Shoulder & Driveway Restorations
  - Ditches (on this portion) lined with 3" Rip Rap
- NASON ROAD
  - 1 inch – 1/ 2" Wear Course Asphalt Placement
  - Shoulder & Driveway Restorations WATSON HILL ROAD
  - Rock Retaining Wall Construction (130 ft x 7 ft H)
  - W-Beam Guard Rail Installation (150 ft)

EDUCATION & TRAINING COURSE:

- UNH-T2 TRAINING PROGRAM (TITLE GREEN SNOW-PRO - UNH-T2)
  - All Highway Department Personnel received Certifications in Road Salt Application & Reduction.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:

- Established in February 2012 – Board of Selectmen
  - I want to thank the committee members for their much appreciated contributions – Janet Meyers, John Krebs, Scott Lees, John Shipman, Scott Cunningham, Selectmen's Representative.
  - **SEE FOLLOWING REVIEW REPORTS –**

I want to especially thank my Highway Crew for their continued cooperation efforts, hard work, and dedication in the maintenance and improvements to our roads and properties – also, to all who contribute and support our successful town growth.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott N. Brooks Sr.
Road Agent

FREEDOM HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
MAY 15, 2012
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT: RENTAL VS. OWNERSHIP

The Freedom Highway Committee, established by the Board of Selectmen in February, 2012, was tasked with analyzing how the Highway Department operates, understanding the equipment used by the Department, both owned and rented; evaluating the condition of Freedom's roads and the maintenance required to maintain our roads at the high standard expected by our taxpayers; preparing a Highway Equipment Capital Improvement Program which seeks to balance the replacement of vital Highway equipment with major expenditures needed by other Town and School Departments in an effort to maintain a consistent tax rate; and evaluating whether Town Highway equipment should be purchased (owned by the Town) or rented as needed.

The Town of Freedom owns comparatively fewer pieces of heavy equipment and trucks compared to communities with similar road miles. The Committee does not recommend the acquisition of additional pieces of equipment for the foreseeable future.
A complete list of the Highway Department equipment inventory is provided as an attachment hereto.

Ownership vs. Rental. The Committee has determined that the Town should continue to own the equipment in our current fleet and replace it as recommended with equipment which will be owned by the Town. The reasons are as follows:

1. All of the equipment currently owned by the Town Highway Department is used throughout the year, sometimes on scheduled projects, many times as needed or in emergency situations. Renting a log chipper for instance in the middle of an emergency ice storm clean-up would likely be impossible;
2. Several pieces of equipment are set-up specifically for our road system and for how we maintain our roads. By way of example, the Town's six wheel drive dump truck is used to plow the hilly terrain on the East side of Town. The motor grader is used to grade our gravel roads in the summer and plow snow with a front mount plow and wing all winter. Neither of these pieces of equipment could be rented as they are too specialized;
3. The Committee does not believe that the Highway Department should purchase specialty equipment such as bush hogs, flail mowers or excavators, used only occasionally throughout the year. This type of equipment should be rented, or the work subcontracted entirely.
4. The Town of Freedom Highway Department has a long tradition of reconstruct ing its infrastructure, including roads, bridges and culverts. The use of the Town's employees and equipment has been well documented to save the Town money over sub-contracting these projects to private companies.
5. Maintaining a year-round (core employee) Highway Department allows the Town to hire and keep good quality employees for the long-term. Hiring season al employees during the winter months is difficult, especially in thriving eco nomic times, and often results in high turn-over.
6. The town rents several pieces of equipment for snow removal only. These trucks are operated by Town employees and the rental of the equipment is only for the

time they are in operation. If the Town owned these extra vehicles, they would sit idle for the majority of the year. The committee supports the use of rental equipment for snow removal operations.

7. Used vs. New Equipment. The Committee carefully examined the purchase of used equipment as an approach to reducing the Highway Departments operating expenses. As noted in Section #2, above, several pieces of equipment used by the Freedom Highway Department are very specialized. It would be difficult, if not impossible for instance, to purchase a used 4x4 dump truck meeting the Town's needs. Similarly, it would be as difficult to purchase a used 6x6 motor grader, necessary to plow the hilly terrain in Freedom during winter months. The remaining equipment in the Town's fleet is heavily used all year round, and the useful life for most pieces of equipment is fairly short. The Town's two 1-Ton trucks are +-6 year vehicles. Beyond six years, the well documented annual maintenance costs and break downs are problematic for a Department that relies on these vehicles every day. Finally, the Town's ability to purchase new equip ment with discounts only available to municipalities couples with good manufacturers' warranties renders the purchase of used equipment a poor financial decision for the Town.
8. The Board of Selectmen established the pricing structure for the rental of com monly used highway equipment such as pick-up, 1-ton and 6-wheel dump trucks. The rental of ALL equipment is contracted between the Board of Selectmen and the vehicle owner(s).

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Results of Review Regarding

Road & Road Infrastructure Improvements By Freedom Highway Department vs. By Private Contractors

Intent of Review

The intent of the review is to make a recommendation to the Freedom board of Selectmen on whether the town should continue to use the Highway Department for road and road infrastructure (infrastructure) improvements or if said improvements should be bid on by private contractors. Improvements are needed as infrastructure has a limited life span.

Discussion

Scott Brooks, Freedom Road Agent, informed the Highway Department Review Committee on why the Freedom Highway Department should be responsible for the repair and replace the town's infrastructure. Highlights of his presentation were:

- Highway Department Staff has the experience to implement the town's required infrastructure repair and replacement.
- Highway Department Staff is able to implement required repairs and replacements as part of their normal work routine.
- Using Highway Department Staff and equipment on a project vs. hiring a contractor, who must provide their own staff and equipment, greatly reduces the cost of the project.
- There is a sense of ownership by the Highway Department Staff of the town's infrastructure.

Conclusion

The Highway Department Review Committee concluded that the Highway Department should be responsible for the improvements and replacement of the town's infrastructure. The Highway Department Review Committee recommends that the Freedom Board of Selectmen continue to allow the Highway Department to repair and replace the town's infrastructure based on the Road Agents judgment in the ability of the Highway Department staff and equipment.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Results of Review Regarding

Winter Salt Application Policy

Intent of Review

The intent of the review is to make a recommendation to the Freedom board of Selectmen on the use of road salt as it applies to the Freedom Winter Maintenance Plan.

Discussion

Scott Brooks, Freedom Road Agent, informed the Highway Department Review Committee on what the salt application policy for Freedom town roads is currently. Highlights of the committee's review were:

- The Town Currently has a Winter Maintenance Plan which the Highway Department follows; it is available at the Town Office.
- The Highway Department follows a "low salt" application policy, which means applying salt at no more than 250 lbs. per lane mile per application, and using techniques and best professional judgment to minimize salt use while keeping Freedom town roads safe for vehicular traffic.
- The Road Agent focusses on education as the key to minimizing any excess salt application. Taking advantage of DOT and UNH-T2 training programs is considered valuable. Having year-round staff is important to making sure the investment in training has maximum benefit.
- The UNH-T2 office has a list of Best Management Practices to minimize environmental impacts from salt use; the committee recommended that the Freedom Winter Maintenance Plan include this list of BMP's and how they apply to Freedom.
- One Committee member also noted that at least one location in Freedom has elevated levels of sodium and chloride in the water (as indicated by Town-supported water quality data). The Committee recommended collecting more water quality data in the Square Brook and Ossipee Lake Road area to help isolate the source and examine what options might be available to minimize this problem, if it is indeed a Freedom issue.

Conclusion

The UNH-T2 BMP list was annotated to reflect Freedom's approach and the table was added to Freedom's Winter Maintenance Plan. The Committee supported the idea of education as the best way to keep staff current on highway winter maintenance procedures and important Best Management Practices. Further testing will hopefully help identify the source(s) of elevated sodium or chloride in local waters.

FREEDOM OLD HOME WEEK

This year was the 114th celebration of Freedom Old Home Week, from August 3-12. The theme was "Welcome Back to Freedom" and featured a colorful T-shirt designed by John Shipman in a vintage 1950's style. Why is Old Home Week so relevant to so many people? Traditionally, many celebrated OHW with parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles. Now they want to do the same thing, bringing their own children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to enjoy these same events.

Rubber Ducky Day, our main fundraising event kicked off the season on June 30th. The weather was perfect and 1300 tickets were sold. In addition to lots of food, FOHW merchandize, kids games, and hay wagon rides, Mr. Ducky was seen about town creating anticipation for the final event of the day…. the Big Race over the falls. Three lucky winners received their cash prizes.

The Friday night Lawn Party kicked off the week's activities with the Codfish Aristocracy Band. The parade had numerous floats, marchers and bands. A new group was the Shriner's 18 wheeler trucks. Dotty Brooks, riding in Emery Stokes' antique automobile, was our Grand Marshall leading the parade. New events were a Pig Roast followed by the Country Bluegrass Band concert, sponsored by Rob Hatch for the Food Pantry; Blessing of the Animals by Pastor Larry Wogman; an interpretive guided tour of the Town Forest sponsored by the FCC and the FAC; official dedication of Schoolhouse Hill with the unveiling of the new plaque at the Ice Cream Social; a Let's Go Fishing program put on by NH Fish & Game; a historical scavenger hunt throughout the town sponsored by the Historical Society & Heritage Commission.

We would like to thank the dedicated committee members and many volunteers for the numerous tasks they performed, assigned and unassigned, throughout the year from December through August. Gail Bizer (children's games, parade flag bearers); Howie and Sylvia Bouve (duck race, lawn party); Sylvia Carney (floats, bands, land sports, water sports, family entertainment, publicity); Anne Cunningham (food concessions, bingo, nine months of minutes and to do lists); Bill Elliott (rubber ducky day, ice cream social); Maureen Elliot (parade judges); Lucy and Marshall Kendall (merchandize); Arlene Knight (clown school); Dick Many (lawn party); Janet Meyers (organizing parade marchers, treasurer); Jennifer Molin (lawn party); Terry and Wendell Packard (merchandize); Kim Reis (webmaster); Lynn and Marcia Santner (boat race, parade); John Shipman (boat race, ping pong, Historical Society); Bob Smart (church

activities); Dan Spear (canoe/kayak regatta); Ellie and Emery Stokes (cardboard boat race, merchandize); Sally Stoops (lawn party).

Pam Keith (talent night); Justin Brooks and crew (lobster dinner); Firemen's Auxiliary (boat race concession); Alice Peterson, Dean and Judy Robertson (craft fair); John & Stephanie Krebs (5K road race); Cindy Sawyer (tennis tournament); Chuck and Terrie Brooks (dance event); Conservation Committee (Town Forest events); the Manhards (hikes); Elizabeth Rhymer (library events); Paul Tung and Pam MacRae (cardboard boat race).

We would also like to thank Mary Hockmeyer (barn events), Freedom Water Precinct (storage); Allison Mierzykowski (photography); Dick Goff (lawn party bartending); Patrick Miele and John Immediato (good neighbors); Camp Huckins (water sports); Camp Calumet (land sports); the Masons (breakfasts); Freedom Market, Indian Mound Hardware, Bobby Sues, Shaw's, Hannaford's (bingo prizes); and the following for general help whenever needed: John and Mary Ann Hogan, Mike Gaudette, Art Robinson, Charlie Peterson, Joel Rhymer, Carol McIntyre, Ray Hemphill, Maynard Thomson, Ann Marie Knox, Kelly Taylor, Wayne Marshall, Bill Bullen, Sharon Boggess

We would like to thank the town for their financial support and all the local sponsors who support our programs. And thanks to all volunteers, property owners, police and fire departments, town officials and Freedom citizens who made this event such a success, but more importantly, fun for all ages through the generations.

Watch our website (www.freedomoldhomeweek.org) for the 2013 activities scheduled for August 2-11 with Rubber Ducky Day on Saturday, June 29.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Marks, Chair
Freedom Old Home Week Committee 2012

Susan Marks (Chair), Anne Cunningham (Secretary), Janet Meyers (Treasurer), Gail Bizer, Howard Bouve, Sylvia Carney, Bill Elliott, Lucy and Marshall Kendall, Arlene and Paul Knight, Dick Many, Carol and Bill McIntire, Jennifer Molin, Kim Reis, Judy Robertson, Marcia and Lynn Santner, John Shipman, Bob Smart, Dan Spear, Ellie and Emery Stokes, Sally Stoops

OSSIPEE LAKE DAM AUTHORITY'S REPORT

The following is a report of the expense of the Dam Authority for the year 2012. Figures for the split between the two towns are based on the assessed equalized value of the two towns. These figures are furnished by the State of New Hampshire, D.R.A.

Sum Required By DES $30,000.00
Expenditures: $14,133.24

Equalization Assessment Value

Ossipee	**695,804,396.00**	**59% of $14,133.24 = $8,388.61**
Freedom	**484,608,324.00**	**41% of $14,133.24 = $5,794.63**

These figures are revised each and every year, in order to bring the deficit of the past year up to $30,000.00, the beginning balance of the coming year.

The following is a report of expenses for the Dam Authority for the year 2012.

Postmaster $52.80
Fairpoint 431.26
PSNH 339.18
John Picard/Chairman (salary) 5,000.00
Robert Houle/Tres./Sec. (salary) 500.00
Snow Removal.....360.00
DES Bearcamp Gauge.....7,450.00
Expense $14,133.24

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert F. Houle
Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2012

				PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
	COMMON TRUST:										
1919	Nancy Skillings	Cem P/C	CD	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1919	Nancy Burns	All	All	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1922	Lord & Fowler			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1922	Eliza A Alley			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1924	Ina E Foss			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1924	Metcalf & Cushing			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1924	M C & Stephen Allard			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	1.06	1.06	0.00	150.00
1924	Edward H Nason			210.00	0.00	0.00	210.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	210.00
1925	A R & Lilla Bennett			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1927	F W Towle			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	3.54	3.54	0.00	500.00
1927	Parsons Yard			700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	4.96	4.96	0.00	700.00
1927	J C Libby & V H Connors Lots			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	3.54	3.54	0.00	500.00
1928	John W Smith			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1928	Jennie Meserve			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1932	James Wood			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1935	George W Chase			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1937	Joseph H Corson			50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.35	0.35	0.00	50.00
1937	Hulda J Downing			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1938	Godfrey Fund			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1939	Frank P Corson			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1939	Lavinia F Farnsworth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1939	Howard B Moulton			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1940	Ellen Mitchel			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1941	Stevens,Sweetser,Marston,Harmon			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	3.19	3.19	0.00	450.00
	TOTAL			4,560.00	0.00	0.00	4,560.00	32.29	32.29	0.00	4,560.00

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DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
	COMMON TRUST:										
1943	Jessie Drew	Cem P/C	CD	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1948	Jessie S Allard	All	All	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1952	Minnie R Towle			112.00	0.00	0.00	112.00	0.79	0.79	0.00	112.00
1952	John J Giles			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1953	Carrie B Moses			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1957	Minnie A Eastman			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1957	F M Meloon & J M Parsons			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1958	Elsie M Thurston			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1958	Ernest A Leavitt			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1958	Kezar Cemetery Fund			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1958	Moulton Cemetery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1959	George & Alfreda Hayes			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1960	Chester H Drake			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	3.54	3.54	0.00	500.00
1963	Emelie P Holmgren			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1963	Charles H Watts			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	3.19	3.19	0.00	450.00
1963	Nelson C Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1965	Giles Lot - Swetts Hill			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1965	Cutting Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1965	Andrews Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1966	Lord Cemetery			2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	14.16	14.16	0.00	2,000.00
1966	Florence Seymore			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	3.54	3.54	0.00	500.00
1968	John Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1968	John C & Marie Lee			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1968	Jesse Nason & Beck Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL			10,622.00	0.00	0.00	10,622.00	75.21	75.21	0.00	10,622.00

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TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2012

				PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
	COMMON TRUST:										
1969	Albert Phinney	Cem P/C	CD	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	1.06	1.06	0.00	150.00
1969	Drake Lot	All	All	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	2.12	2.12	0.00	300.00
1972	Lord Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1973	B F Allard & J Durgin			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1976	Charles Bryant Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1977	David Smith Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1977	Albion & Alonzo Pease Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1982	Winston V & Margaret Morrow			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1982	Stephen & Elmira Danforth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1987	Ernest & Rachel Mulvery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1988	Gordon D Stokes			800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	5.66	5.66	0.00	800.00
1988	Pauline Sargent Rounds			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.42	1.42	0.00	200.00
1988	Abe Sargent			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1988	Frederick & Elisabeth Towle			300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	2.12	2.12	0.00	300.00
1988	Mary S Morrison			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1989	Charles & Mary H Stewart			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1989	William A & Sally Stoops			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
1989	David Sargent			40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.28	0.28	0.00	40.00
1999	Town Cemetery Fund			1,841.00	0.00	0.00	1,841.00	13.04	13.04	0.00	1,841.00
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS			15,653.00	0.00	0.00	15,653.00	110.83	110.83	0.00	15,653.00
1938	Belinda C Wood	Library	CD	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	7.05	7.05	0.00	1,000.00
1985	Ernest Myrick	Library	CD	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.71	0.71	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS			1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	7.76	7.76	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS			**16,753.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**16,753.00**	**118.59**	**118.59**	**0.00**	**16,753.00**

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2012

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE START OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL EXPENDED DURING YEAR	PRINCIPAL BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
	GENERAL FUNDS:										
	Expendable Trust Funds:										
2001	School District	Spec Ed	CD	37,056.34	5,000.00	0.00	42,056.34	283.15	0.00	283.15	42,339.49
2002	Town	Road Right of Wa	CD	11,480.77	0.00	0.00	11,480.77	81.28	0.00	81.28	11,562.05
2006	Town	Removal of Milfoil	CD	7,428.68	0.00	0.00	7,428.68	52.59	0.00	52.59	7,481.27
2009	Public Library	Maint Bldg & Equip	CD	7,573.65	2,500.00	0.00	10,073.65	55.04	0.00	55.04	10,128.69
2011	Police Dept	Equip	CD	20,022.19	0.00	0.00	20,022.19	141.75	0.00	141.75	20,163.94
2011	Town Hall & Town Office	Maint	CD	5,005.55	5,000.00	0.00	10,005.55	38.29	0.00	38.29	10,043.84
	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS			**88,567.18**	**12,500.00**	**0.00**	**101,067.18**	**652.10**	**0.00**	**652.10**	**101,719.28**
	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:										
1996	School District	Bus	CD	38,165.24	10,000.00	0.00	48,165.24	311.78	0.00	311.78	48,477.02
1996	Highway Department	Equip	CD	69,872.15	20,000.00	0.00	89,872.15	506.09	0.00	506.09	90,378.24
2002	Fire Department	Equip	CD	163,128.64	0.00	130,000.00	33,128.64	614.60	0.00	614.60	33,743.24
2006	Town	New Municipal Bldg & Land	CD	30,982.26	0.00	0.00	30,982.26	219.38	0.00	219.38	31,201.64
2007	Transfer Station	Equip	CD	15,378.55	0.00	0.00	15,378.55	108.90	0.00	108.90	15,487.45
2009	School District	Boiler	CD	21,471.07	7,000.00	0.00	28,471.07	181.11	0.00	181.11	28,652.18
2012	Highway Department	Drainage	CD	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	5.70	0.00	5.70	10,005.70
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES			**338,997.91**	**47,000.00**	**130,000.00**	**255,997.91** #	**1,947.56**	**0.00**	**1,947.56**	**257,945.47**
	TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS			**444,318.09**	**59,500.00**	**130,000.00**	**373,818.09**	**2,718.25**	**118.59**	**2,599.66**	**376,417.75**

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REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2012

DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL: BALANCE START OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL: NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL: GAINS OR (LOSSES)	PRINCIPAL: BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME: CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME: EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME: BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
TD Bank	Cem P/C	CD	15,653.00	0.00	0.00	15,653.00	110.83	110.83	0.00	15,653.00
TD Bank	Library	CD	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	7.76	7.76	0.00	1,100.00
TOTALS			**16,753.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**16,753.00**	**118.59**	**118.59**	**0.00**	**16,753.00**

BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
01/08/12	Bolduc, Peighton Andraya	Bolduc, Derek	Patch, Bridgette	N Conway
01/31/12	Flagg, Brooklyn Elizabeth	Flagg, Richard Jr.	Rogers, Jeanne	N Conway
03/14/12	Libby, Dalton Robert	Libby, Kyle	Tellier, Sarah	Plymouth
07/09/12	Stephan, Quinn Grace	Stephan, Jacob	Stephan, Kimberley	Rochester
07/10/12	Scripture, Willow Jane	Scripture, Thomas	Demoree, Deanna	N Conway

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
02/03/12	Freedom	Plunges, William	Plunges, William	Sienieki, Helen
02/20/12	Wolfeboro	Middleton, Ann	Dodge, Joseph	Peterson, Kerstin
02/25/12	Wolfeboro	Dupont, Winnifred	Sayers, Armidas	Paradis, Odiele
03/07/12	N Conway	Battles, Malcolm	Battles, Hayford	Currier, Edith
03/31/12	Freedom	Hockmeyer, Eastham	Hockmeyer, Clive	Langdon, Lydia
04/11/12	Dover	Westerhoff, Frank Jr.	Westerhoff, Frank	Perkins, Florence
05/26/12	Ossipee	Grina, John	Grina, John	Shepard, Louise
06/14/12	Freedom	Farinella, Rose	Fiore, Salvatore	Pascucci, Caroline
07/21/12	Freedom	Hoeman, Thomas	Hoeman, Marvin	Johnson, Louise
08/04/12	Freedom	Cade, Royal Jr.	Cade, Royal	Frank, Dorothy
08/09/12	Wolfeboro	Meserve, Linda	Swan, Arthur	Trafton, Mary
10/18/12	Freedom	Lawler, Linnie	Thompson, Leon	Nason, Hattie
10/21/12	Wolfeboro	Kenison, Lyman	Kenison, D. Ona	Draper, Marion
10/29/12	Freedom	Kendall, Marshall	Kendall, John	Sansford, Ethel
11/22/12	Freedom	Bossi, Donald	Bossi, Romeo	Bernasconi, Pia
12/17/12	Meredith	Mayhew, Phyllis	Meserve, Leroy	Huckins, Ruth

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Person A and Person B	Residence at Time of marriage
04/07/12	Logan, Keith M. Morrill, Emily M.	Limington, ME Limington, ME
06/16/12	Zifcak, Brian M. Gaudette, Nicole R.	Oxford, MA Oxford, MA
08/18/12	Gordon, Kathryn A. Peppe, Alexander R.	Biddeford, ME Biddeford, ME
09/08/12	Golus, Casey R. Yates, Mark C.	Somerville, MA Somerville, MA
09/14/12	Harrison, Paul D. Jr Deremer, Theresa E.	Freedom Freedom
09/15/12	Cutler, Richard W. Miller, Sadie A.	Freedom East Conway
09/22/12	Barr, William A. Fenton, Christina S.	Austin, TX Austin, TX
09/29/12	Stacey, Sara J. Waldron, Carl W.	Spencer, MA Spencer, MA
11/22/12	Cancel, Michelle A. Dunlap, Madelyn C.	Freedom Freedom
12/12/12	Walbridge, Robert A. Harris, Deborah E.	Effingham Effingham

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During you ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body
- No later than December 31, 2016

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

This notice must be:

- *Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016, and*
- *Published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report.*

Read the full statute at *RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntary Merged Lots*

TOWN OF FREEDOM
REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Board or Committee of interest? _____

Resident: Yes/No (circle one) Registered Voter: Yes/No(circle one)

How long have you lived in Freedom? _____

Are you able to attend monthly meetings? _____

Have you served on any commissions or boards? _____

If so, which ones? _____

If not, what is your background or experience pertaining to this board or committee? _____

Are you willing to attend classes and/or seminars to educate yourself about laws and procedures for the desired position? _____

Current clubs or organizations you are affiliated with:_____

_____

In your own words, why do you want to serve on this board or committee and what can you contribute? _____

_____

(Please use back or additional sheet, if necessary)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return this form to the Freedom Town Office or mail to:

Freedom Board of Selectmen

PO Box 227 Freedom, NH 03836

SELECTMEN
Leslie Babb, Chairman
Scott Cunningham
Neal Boyle
Hours:
Monday 6:30 pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Thurs 8am to 3pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN CLERK
A. Elizabeth Priebe
Office Hours:
Monday Evenings 6:30 to 8pm
Tuesday 12 noon to 8pm
Wednesday 9am to 3pm & 6:30 to 8pm
Saturday: 9am to 12 noon
Telephone: 539-8269

TAX COLLECTOR
Annette Babb
Office Hours:
1st & 3rd Sat 9am - noon (Dec-Mar)
2nd & 4th Mondays 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Telephone: 539-5572

ZONING OFFICER
Ned Hatfield
Office Hours:
Thursday 9am - 2pm
Telephone 539-6323

BUILDING CODE OFFICER
Robert Babine
Office Hours:
Thursday 9am - 2pm
Telephone: 539-6323

Meeting times and office hours are subject to change.

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
Memorial Day 05/27/13
Independence Day 07/04/13
Labor Day 09/02/13
Columbus Day 10/14/13
Veteran's Day 11/11/13
Thanksgiving Day 11/28/13
Christmas Day 12/25/13
New Year's 01/01/14
Civil Rights Day 01/20/14
Presidents Day 02/17/14

TOWN CLERK'S HOLIDAY & ELECTION DAY CLOSINGS
Town Meeting 03/12/13
Memorial Day 05/27/13
Old Home Day 08/03/13
Labor Day 09/02/13
Columbus Day 10/14/13
Veteran's Day 11/11/13
Christmas Eve 12/24/13 Open 12 - 4
Christmas Day 12/25/13
New Year's Eve 12/31/14 Open 12 - 4
New Year's 01/01/14
Civil Rights Day 01/20/14
President's Day 02/17/14

TRANSFER/RECYCLING FACILITY
Winter Hours:
Begins Labor Day Week
Tues. & Sat. 8 am to 4pm
Sunday 9am to 4pm
Summer Hours:
Begins Memorial Day Weekend
Tues., Thurs., Sat. & Sunday
8am to 5pm
Telephone: 539-5364